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**Ms. Avery Pearl  
Pet Columnist**

So happy to announce that Dr Bristol has agreed to do a monthly feature for our Pet Perspective. She is going to answer any questions that I (or any of my friends have) about pet care.

Dr Bristol and her most awesome assistant, Heather wuff me so much. They have taken care of me since I was the size of a ball of dryer lint (thats what Mimi says). They helped me when I broke my leg and got me in with the special surgeon that I had to have. They were

# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl



so sweet to me and even called Mimi on the phone to keep updated on my progress between visits. They say I am the sweetest, softest, and smartest pomeranian ever. I don't know what a pomeranian is because I thought I was a Queen. For all these reasons and more, Dr Bristol and the Roane Veterinary Hospital are the official vet of Ms

Avery Pearl.

Send all your questions to msaverypearl@gmail.com.

For more of my Pet Perspectives you can follow me on Facebook @ Ms Avery Pearl.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Friday May 13th**

Together Morgan County will hold their regular monthly meeting Friday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in person at Morgan County Schools Central Office with an option to attend virtually. To receive a Zoom link for the meeting, contact Sandra Helton at heltons@mcsed.net. Everyone is encouraged to attend to learn more about the Collaborative and take part in future actions supporting Morgan County students and families.

SAVE THE DATE!

Morgan County Chamber of Commerce will host our first Morgan County Small Business Symposium with Mike Eppler of Roane State Community College on Tuesday, May 17th at 5:30 pm at Historic Brushy Mountain State Pen. This event will serve as our May Meeting. All Businesses in Morgan County are invited to attend: please get the word out! We will learn about available tools and funding for our businesses and enjoy a great time of networking. Watch for more info and please go ahead and RSVP so that

we can get a good dinner count for our Sponsors! RSVP to 423.346.5740 or chamber@morgancountytn.org

**Back Tax Committee Meeting**  
There will be a meeting of the Back Tax Committee on May 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the third floor conference room. The public is welcome.

**DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING**

The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center has changed its meeting date. We

will now meet on the 3rd TUESDAY of the month at 6 PM. All are invited to attend.

### Undated Events

Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society Meets the second Tuesday of every month Senior Citizens Building at 6:00pm

Morgan County Republican Party meets the last Thursday of every month at 7pm at the American Legion in Wartburg

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<b>9</b> Breakfast Chicken Waffle Juice Lunch Pizza Steamed Corn Roasted Broccoli Caesar Salad Fresh Veggies & Dip Fruit	<b>10</b> Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Fruit Smoothie Lunch BBQ Loaded Baked Potato Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans Garden Salad Fresh Strawberries Strawberry Shortcake	<b>11</b> Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Yogurt Fruit Taco Lunch 50's Day Hamburger & Fixings Baked Fries Pasta Salad Tossed Salad Fruit Slushies Or Ice Cream	<b>12</b> Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy w/ Sausage Berry Cup Lunch Chicken Wings or Popcorn Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Garden Salad Fruit	<b>13</b> Breakfast Lunch <b>MANAGER'S CHOICE</b>
<b>16</b> Breakfast Funnel Cakes Juice, Fruit Lunch Breakfast for Lunch Eggs, Gravy & Biscuit Chicken, Ham, or Sausage Potato Coins Fresh Berries Fruit Parfait	<b>17</b> Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Fruit Smoothie Lunch Glow Beach Party Corn Dog Basket Tater Tots Veggies & Dip Sun Chips Cool Tropics Fruit Slush	<b>18</b> Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Fruit Parfait Lunch Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Garden Salad Fresh Berries	<b>19</b> Breakfast Lunch <b>MANAGER'S CHOICE</b>	<b>20</b> Breakfast Donut Lunch Mini Calzones or Pizza Bites Marinara or Cheese Sauce Steamed Broccoli Fresh Garden Salad Fruit Dessert
<b>23</b> Breakfast French Toast Chilled Fruit Lunch Chicken Tenders Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Garden Salad Hot Wheat Roll Fruit	<b>24</b> Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Juice Lunch Pizza Vegetables Caesar Salad Fruit Baked Cookie	<b>25</b> <b>ADMIN. DAY NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>26</b> Breakfast Served Lunch Sack Lunches	<b>27</b> <b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM FEEDING</b>
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## In Loving Memory

### Verlin L. Cross, 97

Verlin L. Cross, age 97, passed away April 20, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born March 1, 1925, in Oakdale, TN.

He is preceded in death by his beautiful, loving wife of 61 years Darlene B. Cross; parents, John and Ava Cross; 7 brothers; 3 sisters.

He is survived by his 4 beautiful daughters, Virginia Simpson and late husband, Esco, Linda McPeters and husband, Mickey, Loraine C. Winters and husband, Tom, Kathy Francis and husband, Wade; 11 grandchildren;

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The family will have a Celebration of Life at his home in Oakdale in the upcoming weeks.

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### Connie Burgess, 68

Connie Burgess, born September 15, 1953, departed this life on April 22, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband Danny Burgess.

Connie loved all things in nature, especially flowers and birds. She

referred to the birds in her yard as her chick-a-dees and feed them faithfully.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Graveside to follow at Union Cemetery.

### Roger Hambricht, 71

Roger Hambricht, age 71, of Deer Lodge passed away April 25, 2022.

Roger was a workaholic and loved sitting on his porch watching his grass grow so he could hurry up and mow it. He loved life to the fullest and loved spending time with his family. Roger retired from BF Goodrich after 32 years of dedication and hard-work.

He is preceded in death by his mother Maeadjel Hall; father Jack Hambricht; 2 sisters Trudy Berry & Tonya Hall; 1 brother Joey Ryan.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years Genia Hambricht; son Mark Hambricht & Marney Williams; daughter Pam Stewart & Rex Jackson; grandchildren

Marci West, Dereck Northern, Baylee Stewart, Ashtyn Hambricht, Juliea Hambricht; 5 great grandchildren Brooklyn, Brantlee & Brealyn West, River Northern, and Amirah Jackson; sisters Glenda Beasley and Addie Adams and a host of nieces, nephews and friends; 2 very special friends Bill & Karen Zepp.

The family will receive friends Thursday, April 28, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Herb Judkins officiating. Graveside services will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Roger Hambricht.

### Sharon Shannon Sexton, 57

Sharon Shannon Sexton, age 57, of Sunbright passed away April 28, 2022, at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge.

Sharon loved to crochet, read, and take care of her grandbabies. She was a friend to everyone who knew her and loved reading her bible and was a good Christian lady.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents John & Gladys Shannon; grandmother Virgie Hamby.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years Paul Sexton; daughter Delisa Phillips; mother Ada Sue

Shannon; grandchildren Xavier Phillips and Jayden Chambers and a host of extended relative and friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 5-7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be Sunday at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Tony Huling officiating. Interment will follow in the Union Hill Cemetery in Sunbright.

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Sunday, May 8 is Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers, Grandmothers and those who fill the role of Mother to those who need a Mother's love.

On a similar note, I would like to commend a local young man on showing love toward his mother. I don't want to embarrass anyone by using names. Highland Telephone sponsored a Pick It Challenge during the March basketball playoffs. Participants could do an on-line bracket for a chance to win prizes. This young man filled out a bracket for his mother and she came in 3rd and won a prize. Wasn't that sweet?

This is Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank a teacher. Their job is not easy.

Pre K and Kindergarten Registration for upcoming Oakdale School students will be Monday, May 9 from 1:00 – 3:00 at the school. Please bring the following documentation with you: Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Insurance Card and proof of income. Dates and times for registration at other schools can be found at www.mcsed.net.

Pine Orchard Church Closet will be open Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 – 12:00. Clothes, household items and more. Everything is free.

Thank you Sumer Evans for visiting Oakdale Preschool Hour in Oakdale Park last week. The children enjoyed making soil babies and are looking forward to seeing the hair (grass) grow on their babies. Sumer is the Litter Grant Coordinator for Morgan County. She visited the group in honor of Earth Day.

Brooke Mullins continues to excel in Golf. Last week she played for the Cherokee Middle School Golf Team in a District Tournament at Lakeside Golf Course. She got 1st place in the girls division and advances to the Regional Tournament on May 12. Brooke is the daughter of Cheyenna Hawn and Jason Mullins and the granddaughter of Mary Hawn and Steve and Janice Mullins. Keep up the good work

Brooke!

Adult crafts are scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, May 3 at Oakdale Library at 10:30. There will be paint pouring with acrylic paint. Attendees may wish to bring or wear something they are ok to get paint on in case of spills or splatters. Bring a friend for an hour of fun.

Oakdale Public Library continues to have adult activities on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 – 11:30 and preschool activities on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10:30 – 11:30. Story time is on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. At this time, BINGO for adults is on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and will be on May 17. Library hours may change during the summer to better accommodate everyone's schedules. You can watch the library Facebook page for updates and the monthly schedule is posted on the library door.

The school year is winding down. May 25 will be an administrative day in Morgan County and the last day of school will be May 26 with schools dismissing at 11:30.

Happy Birthday to Donnie Norris and Reggie Headrick who celebrated their birthdays May 2. We hope you gentlemen had a great day. Their cousin, Sharon Grace Elam who is a former Oakdale girl, celebrated her birthday May 2.

Happy Birthday to the lady who taught me more about Cinco de Mayo than I ever needed or wanted to know. Kim Mason shares her May 5 birthday with the Mexican holiday. Kim taught 2nd grade at Oakdale School for many years and she liked to take her birthday off. I was often her substitute teacher and she left lesson plans full of Cinco de Mayo activities. Love ya Ms. Kim!

Happy Birthday to Jake Johnson, Jill Tapp and Maranda Summers who also have May 5th birthdays.

Happy Birthday to three special ladies in our family. Shirley Chapman will celebrate her birthday May 8, Liz Goldston will celebrate her birthday May 9 and Christine Chapman will celebrate her birthday May 10. I wish each of you a wonderful day.

Birthday wishes to Chelsea Mathis who will have a birthday on May 8 and Kayla Walls who will have a birthday on May 10. Hapy birthday girls!

Happy Birthday to Jeanette Hoskins who will celebrate her birthday May 10. You are loved and missed in Oakdale Ms. Jeanette.

Don't forget to register to vote or update your voter's registration. There will be a General Election in August.

My friend, Jill Byrd, posted a picture last week that she saw at Muddy Pond. I love what was written on the chalkboard and I thought I would share it. I hope you like it: Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.

Have a good week my friends!!

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# A King's Ransom: Chapter 5



**Carol Hall**  
Author

The corridor leading out of the room was wider than the last one, but the windowless passage with its stone walls and floor, gave the impression of being confining and airless. The flaming torches that lined the hallway seemed to suck what little air there was from the space. Bronwyn tried to quell the growing rise of panic she felt as the walls seemed to close in on her the farther they walked.

The passageway seemed to go on forever before they reached a place where the tunnel intersected with another one.

Making a right turn, they walked for several feet when Marta made a sudden left turn down another passageway that Bronwyn hadn't even seen. She quickened her pace to keep up with the other girl. She didn't relish

the idea of getting lost in this maze of tunnels alone.

They walked only a short distance when they reached a heavy, wooden door. Marta lifted the large metal latch that kept it closed and pulled the door open.

A rush of cool air came billowing out of the doorway. Bronwyn welcomed the chilly breeze. Sucking in a lungful of air, she followed Marta up a steep flight of stairs that spiraled around and around until at last they emerged into a large room.

The room was richly decorated in heavy, red and gold tapestries. Dark wooden furniture adorned the space, and artfully woven rugs were scattered across the floor.

Staring around her at the exquisite finery, Bronwyn's hand went to her throat. "Is this the king's quarters?" she asked Marta, breathlessly.

"Oh no," Marta said. "It wouldn't be fitting for you to go there. No one goes into his bed chamber except the king himself and his man servant."

"What is this room then?" Bronwyn asked, still surveying the ornate décor.

"This is a solar, or drawing room," Marta said. "One of many that this castle has. This one is used to greet new wards. The king will meet you in here once you are announced."

"Announced?" Bronwyn asked, confused.

"A servant will tell the king you are here," Marta explained. "The king will then come in to meet you."

"I'm nervous," Bronwyn said, wringing her hands together.

"Try to relax," Marta advised. "It could take several minutes, or longer, for the king to arrive. It's almost suppertime. He's probably getting ready to head to the Great Hall."

"Will he be upset that I am interrupting his feast?" Bronwyn asked, a worried tone in her voice.

"No," Marta said, reassuringly. "He enjoys meeting his new servants. He'll be happy to hold off the meal till he meets you."

Bronwyn nodded her head, feeling an odd fluttering in her stomach.

Marta walked over to the far wall and grabbed a long tassel of rope that hung from the ceiling. Bronwyn noticed that it disappeared through a small hole cut out in the wooden timbers above.

"What's that?" she asked.

"It's attached to a bell in the servant's quarters," Marta explained. "When I pull on it, it will signal the servant and let him know you're here."

"Oh," Bronwyn said, her nerves on end. "What then?"

Marta gave the rope a gentle tug. The soft clanging of a bell in the distance could be heard, even through the thick castle walls.

"Now we wait," Marta said. "Have a seat." She indicated one of the plush, velvety chairs that were set about the room.

Bronwyn selected the chair farthest from the door. Her palms were sweating and a light wave of nausea washed over her. She was more nervous than she'd ever been. What would the king think of her? Was he a nice man? Or mean and surly? Would she make a good impression on him? What job would he assign her?

"What happens now?" she asked, casting Marta a sideways glance. She was afraid to take her eyes off the door for fear the king would walk in while she was looking away.

"The servant will come in first," Marta said. "He'll ask your name and where you're from. Then he'll report to the king."

"Then what?" Bronwyn asked.

"Then you'll wait for the king to come," Marta said.

"I'll wait?" Bronwyn asked. "You'll stay with me, won't you?"

"I'll be here with you when the servant comes in," Marta said. "But I'm not permitted to stay when the king comes. You'll have to meet him on your own." Bronwyn's stomach plummeted. "What? No!" she cried, panic rising in her voice. "You must stay! I can't meet him on my own. What if I say, do something, wrong? I need you here to help me!"

"You'll be ok," Marta said, soothingly. "I would stay if I could, but it's not allowed. I'm sorry."

Bronwyn felt bile rise in the back of her throat. Fear gripped her. What would she do without Marta here to help her? She had never been more scared in her life.

Suddenly, the door swung open with a flourish, and a middle-aged man stepped into the room.

Marta hurriedly stood up and lightly bowed to him. "Good evening, Aldred."

Aldred bowed his head to Marta. "Marta," he said. "Good evening to you, as well."

Turning his attention to Bronwyn, his eyes widened as he faltered in his approach to her. "You must be the new ward?" he asked, stammering his words ever so slightly.

"Yes," Bronwyn said. "I'm Bronwyn Dumont."

She noticed he couldn't seem to take his eyes off her. She felt her cheeks grow warm at his scrutiny. Not knowing what to do, she looked over at Marta.

"Aldred," Marta said, drawing his attention back to her. "Please inform the king that Ms. Dumont is waiting for him."

"Yes...yes, of course," he said, staring at Bronwyn again.

She stared back at him, but didn't say anything.

"Aren't you forgetting something, Aldred?" Marta asked, an amused lilt to her tone.

"Uh...oh, yes," Aldred said, tearing his gaze from Bronwyn to glare at Marta.

"Then perhaps you should ask her?" Marta said, almost laughing out loud at this point.

Aldred threw her another dirty look before returning his attention to Bronwyn.

"Where shall I tell the king you hail from?" he asked, trying to sound official. Bronwyn knew he was trying to regain his composure.

"I'm from the Village of Dowgarth," she answered him, a smile on her lips. "In the northern region."

"Very good," Aldred said. "I'll inform the king at once that you're here."

Without another word, he spun on his heel and departed the room in haste.

As soon as the door closed, Marta burst out laughing. "He sure was smitten with you," she said.

Bronwyn started chuckling. "He couldn't seem to stop staring at me!"

The two girls broke out into peels of laughter.

They were just starting to calm down when the door swung open again.

Marta's amusement died instantly as she jumped to her feet.

Bronwyn watched as a tall, attractive man wearing a long, elaborately embroidered cloak waltzed into the room. She knew immediately this was the king.

Marta bowed low at the waist and backed away from Bronwyn toward the door they had entered from earlier. "Good evening, Your Highness," she said in a soft voice. "I was just leaving."

The king nodded in her direction, but didn't pay her any attention.

His gaze had fallen on Bronwyn.

Marta silently disappeared through the door and gently closed it behind her, not making a sound.

Bronwyn's breath caught in her throat as she stared at the man in front of her. She had expected the king to be an old, ugly man well advanced in years. Instead, a very handsome man, though quite imposing, stood before her. His dark hair was just beginning to show gray at the temples. He was straight-backed and broad shouldered with a haughty air about him. As Bronwyn met his gaze, his piercing gray eyes bore into hers.

"You must be Bronwyn Dumont," he said. His voice was smooth and velvety sounding.

Bronwyn bowed to him. "Yes, Your Highness," she said. Her insides were quaking. She stood up tall again, but couldn't meet his gaze.

"I understand you couldn't pay your taxes," he said, using his forefinger to tilt her chin up, so she was forced to look him in the eye.

"No, sir," she said. "We didn't have time to gather up the needed funds."

"I see," he said, staring hard at her. "Who else lives in your household?"

"It's just my mother and me, sir," Bronwyn said.

"Your mother doesn't earn wages?"

"No, sir," Bronwyn said, shaking her head. "My father died a year ago, and Mama hasn't found a way to earn money yet."

"What a pity," the king said. Bronwyn was vexed by the lack of sympathy in his voice. Instead, it was cold and void of any emotion.

"She'll pay the fee," Bronwyn rushed on. "She just needs a little more time."

"You're out of time," the king said, coldly. "If you, or your mother, are unable to pay the taxes now, then it's very unlikely you'll ever be able to."

"No, sir," Bronwyn said, feeling a twinge of anger at his words. "She will. I promise."

"I've been promised a lot of things," the king said. "But rarely are they fulfilled."

"Well, this one will be," Bronwyn said. She knew her tone was a little haughty, but who was he to tell her what her mother would, or would not, do?

"Well, Ms. Dumont," he said, uncharitably. "For now, and until you can pay, you are my ward."

Bronwyn nodded her head and said, "I know, sir."

The king took a step back and studied her slowly from head to toe, eyeing every inch of her. Bronwyn lowered her gaze to the floor unsure of how to react. She didn't want to boldly stare back at him, nor did she want to seem repulsed by his inspection of her.

After several tense moments, he finally moved closer to her again. Bronwyn looked up at him and was shocked by the look on his face. Dread filled her at the lustful gleam she saw there.

"You're a very beautiful young woman, Ms. Dumont," he said, leaning in to whisper softly in her ear. "It would be a shame to put you to work where your beauty would be marred by dirt and grime. I may have a solution that could work out very well for both of us."

Bronwyn cringed as his hot breath brushed against her cheek. "Sir?" she asked uncertainly, sure she wasn't going to like the answer.

"I want you as my queen," he said confidently, standing up straight with a look of superiority spread across his attractive features.

"What?" Bronwyn asked. Of all the things she feared he would say, this was not one of them. "Sir, I..."

"I'm offering you the position of queen of this kingdom," he said. "What do you say?" The smile on his face indicated to Bronwyn that he had no doubt she would say yes.

"Sir," Bronwyn said, taken aback. "No, I cannot."

"WHAT?" the king roared, surprised by her answer. "How can you say no to me? I'm the king!"

Bronwyn jumped back, scared at his outrage. "Sir," she said, timidly. "I want to marry for love. I don't love you. I don't even know you."

"What's love got to do with this?" he demanded, his face contorted in rage. "I'm not offering you love. I'm offering you a position as queen. Love is unnecessary."

"I don't want to marry you, sir," Bronwyn said, firmly. "Love is very important to me. I will not marry a man unless I am in love with him."

"Are you refusing to marry me?" he said, clearly astounded by her answer.

"Yes, sir," she said. "I am refusing you."

"HOW DARE YOU!" he bellowed. "HOW DARE YOU REFUSE THE KING!"

Reaching out, he grabbed the neckline of her gown in both hands. With great force he ripped it open exposing her tunic underneath clear down to her waist.

Bronwyn's startled cry echoed around the room. She threw her arms up over her chest to try to cover her immodesty.

"If you refuse to be my wife, then the dungeon is where you belong!" he shouted at her. "GUARDS!"

Bronwyn stood in shock as two burly men came storming into the room at the king's call. "Get this wench out of my sight!" he yelled. "And remove that dress from her. She's not worthy of such finery!"

Bronwyn took a step back, retreating from the approaching men, but it was no use. There was nowhere to go. One of the men grabbed her arm and jerked her around till her back was to him. The other man grabbed the tattered dress and pulled it roughly from her body, leaving her standing in only her thin tunic.

"To the dungeon, sir?" the first guard asked.

"Yes," the king said, sneering at Bronwyn. "She'll spend her time here down in the bowels of this castle, never to see the light of day again. Unless..."

"Sir?" the guard asked.


"Unless she has changed her mind?" the king asked hopefully, looking intently at Bronwyn.

"No, sir," Bronwyn said stiffly, holding her head up high. "I will not marry you. Now, or ever."

"Take her away!" the king said, an ugly snarl on his face.

"Yes, sir," the guard said. He jerked Bronwyn around forcefully by the arm, leading her toward the door. The other guard grabbed her other arm, and together they dragged her from the room.





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Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b>	Case Number <u>P-22-22</u>
<b>In the matter of the Estate of OSCAR PHILLIPS</b> Deceased		
<p>Notice is hereby given that on the 28<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL 2022, Letters of Testamentary in respect to the Estate of OSCAR PHILLIPS who died on the 17<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or</p> <p>(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or</p> <p>(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.</p> <p>This 28<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL 2022.</p>		
<p><u>DOUGLAS PHILLIPS</u> Executor</p> <p><u>ANGELA R. ANDERSON</u> Clerk and Master</p> <p><u>TALLESSE ALLEY</u> Deputy Clerk</p>		



**Tom Redmon  
Columnist**

# The Owl Flies Away at Oakdale

Things are really changing and that goes for the way Morgan County folks feel about wine, beer and whiskey in their county. If you can just go back to 1946-

47 when the Owl Liquor Store was open for business at the top of the hill above Oakdale on Highway 27 when people came from hundreds of miles around to get their liquor.

At this time, I was old enough to remember that a few people around here were often making trips to Oakdale to get them a fifth of 5 Roses, Jack Daniel's or some other bottle of what they thought was good stuff. My grandpa's crib often had a bottle of whisky hid away for a holiday coming up. I remember those days and they were not good. I never believed a father should spend money on alcoholic beverages until he had his kids' needs to be taken care of at home. Families were more important than many men realized and their habits or needs were taken care of at one of the taverns along Highway 27 or at the liquor store in Oakdale.

For a little over two years the Owl Li-

quor Store operated selling illegal whiskey to not only local people but to people who drove over a hundred miles to get their truck or trunk full of whiskey. The location of the store was not the best because it was dangerous to pull out on busy 27 for at the time this was the best N/S route from Michigan to South Florida. On the week-

Morgan County dry forces and Pistol Pete (Sheriff H.E. Byrge) wanted to see the store closed. On January 8, 1947, they took it to a vote the dry forces were 1,066 to 537 and Pete was cleared. After these two victories and the vote was declared to be official, the sheriff, ministers Mark Scarbrough and David Burns along with the citizens who were deputized went to the Owl Liquor Store and seized over \$40,000 worth of illegal whiskey, and shut the doors of the Owl Liquor Store the first week of January 1947. Never again would Oakdale or any town in Morgan County be able to open a whiskey store. This should have never happened.

Two truck loads of whiskey, wine, gin, and other spirits found a new home in the Morgan County jail in Wartburg. I don't know what happened to it but I imagine it was poured out.

Today, nearby locations such as Oak Ridge and Harriman have wine and liquor stores and even Cracker Barrel serves wine, beer and I've heard whiskey. You also can find several breweries in Morgan County. Like I said, "things are changing."



ends they could count on two to three wrecks.

The problem seemed to be after a survey was done and they found that the survey revealed that only a part of the store to be in Morgan County and even a smaller portion in Oakdale which was allowing the sale of whiskey. The



## Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army Sergeant Brian Leroy Buker fought and served in the Vietnam War while assigned to Detachment B-55, 5TH Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1ST Special Forces.

On December 16, 1971 he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in combat on April 5, 1970.

His Medal of Honor Citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Sgt. Buker, Detachment B-55, distinguished himself while serving as a platoon adviser of a Vietnamese mobile strike force company during an offensive mission. Sgt. Buker personally led the platoon, cleared a strategically located well-guarded pass, and established the first foothold at the top of what had been an impenetrable mountain fortress.

When the platoon came under intense fire from a determined enemy located in two heavily fortified bunkers,



and realizing that withdrawal would result in heavy casualties, Sgt. Buker unhesitatingly, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, charged through the hail of enemy fire and destroyed the first bunker with hand grenades. While reorganizing his men for the attack on the second bunker, Sgt. Buker was seriously wounded. Despite his wounds and the deadly fire, he crawled forward and destroyed the second bunker. Sgt. Buker refused medical attention and was reorganizing his men to continue the attack when he was mortally wounded. As a direct result of his heroic actions, many casualties were averted, and the assault of the enemy position was successful. Sgt. Buker's extraordinary heroism at the cost of his life are in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Police Officer Andrew Barr of the Cayce Police Department, South Carolina was shot and killed on Sunday, April 24, 2022 while he and other officers responded to a domestic disturbance call.

The responding officers encountered thirty-six-year-old, Austin Leigh Henderson in the front yard of the residence who opened fire on them, fatally wounding Officer Barr. The man then barricaded himself inside the home and locked his wife and daughter in a closet. Seven hours later Henderson committed suicide.

Officer Barr had served with the Cayce Police



Department for six years and was assigned to the Canine Division. He also served as a captain with the Monetta Volunteer Fire Department.

Officer Barr had previously been shot and wounded in the line of duty after being ambushed following a vehicle pursuit of a stole car on May 27, 2017.

Officer Barr was only twenty-eight-years-old. Officer Barr's K-9 partner's name is Molly. Officer Barr was her second handler.

# NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

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 \* Earth Day got me thinking about how many plastic bottled beverages my family goes through. I have found six glass reusable bottles that can be run through the dishwasher, and I store them in the refrigerator in a cardboard six-pack holder. I still want the convenience of grabbing a bottle of water from the fridge, but I feel better knowing that I'm not contributing to a plastic problem." -- JoAnn

\* Using ice-cold sour cream instead of ice-cold water in your pie crust recipe will give you a flakier crust.

\* "If you love to burn candles as much as I do, consider storing them in the refrigerator for a day or so before burning them. I swear, it makes them burn evenly. Someone told me this once, and I tried it and have been doing it ever since. No more crooked candles." -- J.L. in Tennessee

\* When traveling for more than a few days, stick your plants into the bathtub with a little bit of water. They'll soak it up, and you won't have to have someone come over and water your plants. This will only work for a week at most, though." -- J.M. in Louisiana

\* Kitchen remodels can be expensive, but when your kitchen isn't usable, that's even more of an expense. Instead of opting for takeout food, set up an alternate kitchen to save money. A microwave, toaster oven, coffee pot and a small dorm-style fridge can take care of a lot of your needs in the short term.

\* Planning on putting in some new plants or sprucing up your garden this spring? Check with your town's yard-waste recycling center about free mulch or compost. Many facilities offer these to their residents.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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# STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* "White noise" is named such because, just as the color white is a mixture of many different shades at different ratios, it's a combination of all sound frequencies at once.

\* Some of the first soccer balls were made of clothing filled with rubble.

\* A young Bangladeshi woman with two uteruses gave birth to twins less than a month after having a son.

\* "Jazz on bones" or "Ribs" were bootleg vinyl recordings made from old X-rays with holes burned in the middle from cigarettes, used in the '50s and '60s to smuggle banned music into the Soviet Union.

\* A vending machine offering live crabs debuted in 2010 in Nanjing, China, with sales of around 200 per day and a promised refund of three live crabs for any dead one dispensed.

\* While enough was known about Halley's Comet in 1910 to predict its arrival, rumors about its dangers were so extensive that some people bought comet umbrellas and anti-comet pills in an attempt to protect themselves from it.

\* Between 2006 and 2007, Poland's prime minister and president were identical twin brothers, making them the first siblings in history to hold those titles simultaneously.

\* Ever wonder why sneezes frequently occur in threes? The first loosens the irritant.

The second propels it to the front of your nose, and the third expels it. Problem solved!

\* Cats, dogs and even insects can all experience insomnia.

\* Stephen King, who has made a career out of scaring his readers, is scared of the number 13: While reading, he won't pause on a page with that number or a page whose number adds up to 13. \*\*\*

Thought for the Day: "Sometimes the steepest, most challenging and most rewarding paths in life are not meant to be walked, but crawled." -- Toni Sorenson

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆**

◆ Moderate    ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!  
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# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Knock
- 4 "The Thin Man" dog
- 8 Tabloid writing
- 12 Post-op area
- 13 Pace
- 14 Alike (Fr.)
- 15 Sushi fish
- 17 "Hi, sailor!"
- 18 "Burnt" crayon color
- 19 Melody
- 21 Ordinal suffix
- 22 Game fish
- 26 Looks intently
- 29 Chaps
- 30 Man-mouse link
- 31 Has bills
- 32 — de deux
- 33 Mythical birds

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- 54 Lake bird
  - 55 Fixed
- DOWN**
- 1 Eyeglass frames
  - 2 Antioxidant berry
  - 3 Brownish purple
  - 4 Reps
  - 5 Jazzy Vaughan
  - 6 Dead heat
  - 7 Country stores?
  - 8 June birth-
  - 9 "This tastes awful!"
  - 10 Asian language
  - 11 Layer
  - 16 Leg joints
  - 20 Author Fleming
  - 23 Earth orbiter
  - 24 Killer whale
  - 25 "One-L lama" poet
  - 26 Attend
  - 27 Wrong
  - 28 Jupiter counterpart
  - 29 Spring month
  - 32 Sunshade
  - 33 Copter blade
  - 35 Skirt edge
  - 36 Singer Timberlake
  - 38 North African capital
  - 39 Steinway product
  - 42 Privation
  - 43 Hoodwink
  - 44 Coup d' —
  - 45 HBO rival
  - 46 Possessed
  - 47 Hot temper
  - 49 Comic Philips

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## FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- MAJ
- MURBIA
- KIDNR
- ♥ TEAB
- ANKSUM
- ♥ TSI
- LJTI
- ♥ SNEAM
- ♥ ABD
- KUIJEN
- EKTRA
- ESDE

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Huldah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. After being banished, which king had his hair grow as long as eagles' feathers? *Solomon, Herod, Asa, Nebuchadnezzar*
3. Along with all in the household, who was spared during the fall of Jericho? *Deborah, Miriam, Abigail, Rahab*
4. The River Nile was turned to blood on which of the 10 plagues of Egypt? *1st, 2nd, 5th, 10th*
5. Who made the infamous golden calf that the Israelites worshiped? *Aaron, Moses, Enoch, Abraham*
6. From 2 Kings 2:11, what took Elijah into heaven? *Arrow, Flood, Whirlwind, Boat*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Nebuchadnezzar; 3) Rahab; 4) 1st; 5) Aaron; 6) Whirlwind

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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## HITCH

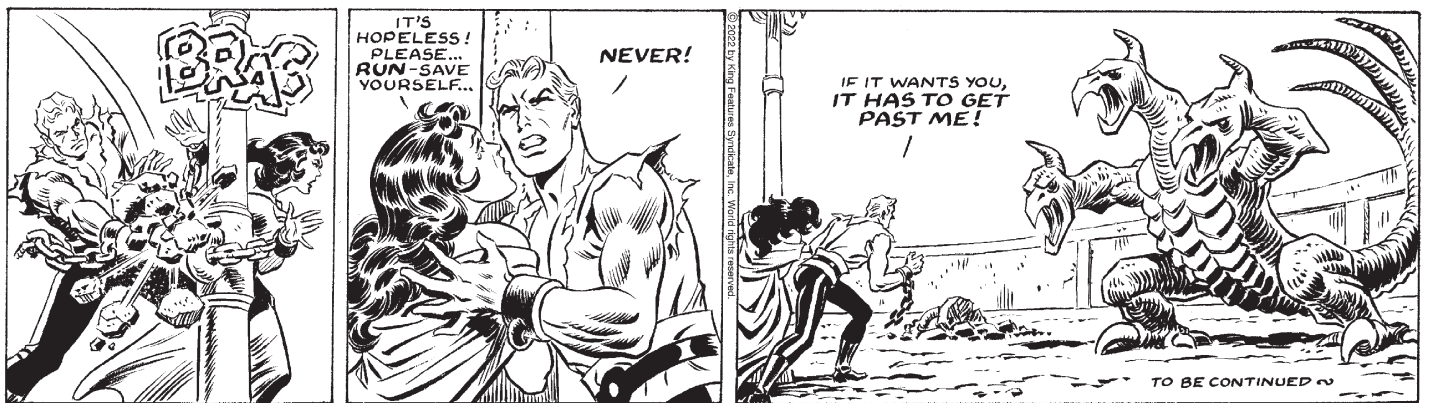
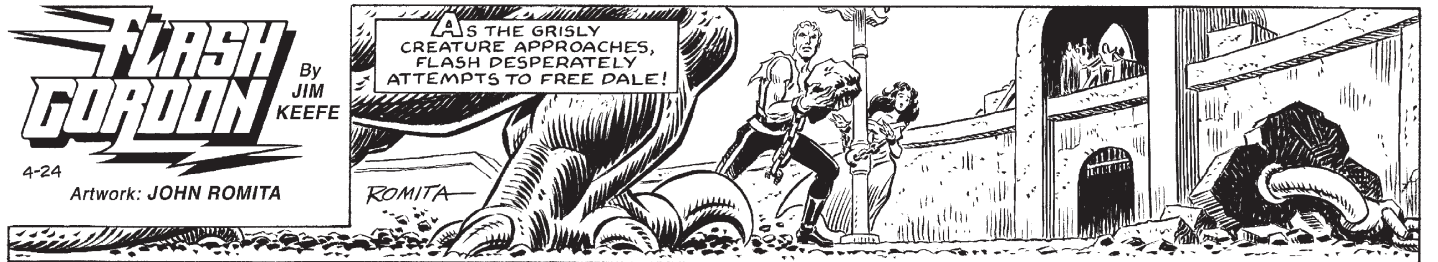


**Artist Spotlight: JOHN ROMITA**

DURING HIS THREE-DECADE TENURE AT MARVEL COMICS, JOHN ROMITA WOULD BE A GUIDING FORCE - DRAWING AND/OR DESIGNING EVERY MAJOR CHARACTER.

A VETERAN OF THE SPIDER-MAN NEWSPAPER STRIP, HE LENDS HIS CONSIDERABLE TALENT TODAY TO FLASH GORDON.

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## Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

### Mozzarella Vegetable Salad

It's a well-known fact that vegetables are good for you. But just as important, this ultra-easy salad tastes good!

- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 1 cup chopped fresh broccoli
- 1 cup chopped fresh cauliflower
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup fat-free Italian dressing
- 2 tablespoons fat-free mayonnaise

1. In a large bowl, combine carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, mushrooms and mozzarella cheese. Add Italian dressing and mayonnaise. Mix gently just to combine.

2. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Gently stir again just before serving. Makes 4 (1 cup each) servings.

• Each serving equals: 95 calories, 3g fat, 8g protein, 461mg sodium, 3g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Vegetable, 1 Meat.

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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## GRIN & BEAR IT



"We need a sound check, Senator..."

# THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

## Let Disney Be an Example

Just like that, tyranny has descended on Florida. The state legislature, with the support of Gov. Ron DeSantis, voted to repeal the “special independent district” enjoyed by Disney for half a century.

This is a sign, we are told, of the advent of an American authoritarianism that brooks no dissent -- Disney criticizes a measure supported by the Florida GOP, the so-called Don't Say Gay bill, and immediately gets targeted.

There's a reason this fight escalated to this point, though. Disney was the aggressor in the battle over the education bill, lied about it, and pledged to work to repeal it.

Even though the bill had nothing to do with Disney whatsoever -- nothing to do with its product, its business model, or its employees. The company got pushed into its stance based on pressure from a woke segment of its employees and from progressives on the outside.

Disney's case against the bill relied on the smear that the legislation somehow threatened gay or trans people. In fact, the law merely seeks to exclude inappropriate material from being taught to young children in the classroom -- an objective that once would have been considered utterly banal.

“Classroom instruction,” the law says, “by school personnel or third parties on sexual orientation or gender identity may not occur in kindergarten through grade 3 or in a manner that is not age appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with state standards.”

Based on that, Disney went to the mattresses. And it did so, not to serve its shareholders, enhance its profitability, protect its intellectual property, or align itself with its vast and politically diverse customer base.

This was, shockingly, an iconic American brand making itself into a free-floating weapon of woke cultural politics in response to the social and political influence of a small number of vocal progressives.

Like so many companies before, Disney calculated the risk/reward of gratuitously taking up a left-wing political and cultural fight and considered it all reward, no risk. The Florida legislature decided to convince it that it was wrong.

Republicans have fantasized about exacting revenge on woke corporations before, but to no effect. Disney's problem is that it had a glaring vulnerability in the form of an arrangement that can easily be portrayed as a special favor.

The provisions allowing Disney to govern itself in its special independent district are so extensive that one analyst refers to the so-called Reedy Creek Improvement District as “the Vatican with mouse ears.”

“Never before or since has such outlandish dominion been given to a private corporation,” Florida writer Carl Hiaasen notes in his book “Team Rodent.” “Disney owns its own utilities. It administers its own planning and zoning. It composes its own building codes and employs its own inspectors. It maintains its own fire department. It even has the authority to levy taxes.”

For good measure, it can build its own airport and nuclear power plant.

Now, that's all scheduled to go away in a year's time. Obviously, it is not a good practice for government to retaliate against a business, even a business enjoying a special status.

This fight could have welcome effects, though, if it convinces Disney that it made a mistake by allowing itself to get bullied and cajoled into becoming a combatant in the culture war, or if it convinces other corporations that there's a potential price to be paid for joining woke mobs.

Republicans don't want corporations to become tools in advancing their agenda; they just want them to exit the culture wars and focus, once again, on their business, an outcome that would lower the temperature in the country's cultural fights at least a little.

Ideally, Disney and the Florida legislature work out a renewal of the company's special district before it is set to expire, and the house of mouse -- and other corporations seduced into making themselves de facto left-wing pressure groups -- resolves to stick to its core competency and mission.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

## Turn Household Items into Juggling Balls

Running a household requires the skills of a juggler. First come the kids and their schedules, then toss in cooking, cleaning, car repair and pets. As most parents will attest, just when you think you've got it, the unexpected comes along to throw everything off balance! Start and stop ... the juggling act never ends.

Now, my son calls himself a juggler too, but for him it's juggling oranges out of the fruit bowl, potatoes from the pantry or just about anything that crosses his path.

Then, with some creative thinking, we came up with some alternatives, like a set of juggling balls.

Much to his delight, he made these handy, sturdy balls in minutes using basic supplies we had in the kitchen.

### Here's how:

1. Scoop 1/2 cup of uncooked instant rice into a plastic sandwich bag. For heavier balls, you may substitute dried beans or clean sand. Pinch the bag tightly around the rice, squeeze out any air, make it into a ball shape and secure the ball shape with a rubber band. Cut off the excess plastic bag near the rubber-band knot.

2. Cut the tip off the neck end of two

sturdy, medium-size balloons in contrasting colors. Stretch one of the balloons over the filled bag, making sure the rubber-band side is completely covered. The balloon should fit very tightly. Snip three or four quarter-inch holes randomly on the second balloon. Stretch it over the ball, covering the opening of the first balloon. The cutouts will reveal the color of the first balloon.



Make sturdy juggling balls in minutes using common household items.

3. Make several balls with a variety of cutout shapes and colors, and let the performance begin! For extra-sturdy balls, add a third balloon. Store your set of juggling balls in an empty and clean Pringle's-style chip can. Cover with decorative adhesive-backed paper.

TIP: If you are a beginning juggler, practice the moves using three lightweight chiffon scarves. When you toss them in the air one by one, they come back down slowly to help you get the hang of it!

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Find more family fun at [www.donnaerickson.com](http://www.donnaerickson.com). Write to Donna at [Info@donnaerickson.com](mailto:Info@donnaerickson.com)

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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## Honor Flights Resume

Honor Flights are back. After sitting out the trips for the last two years due to the pandemic, Honor Flights are up and running again.

The Honor Flight Network consists of independent groups (hubs) that take veterans on all-expenses-paid trips to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials and monuments. This involves free airfare and visits to the memorials with guardians and volunteers every step of the way while in the company of other veterans.

You only have to see the trip photos and videos to understand how much these trips are appreciated. In 2019 alone (the last year they had the trips before COVID shut things down), they flew over 23,000 veterans and 18,000 guardians. Since its beginning in 2005, Honor Flights has taken over 245,000 veterans on these trips.

At this point their focus is signing up veterans who served in World War II, as well as vet-

erans who are severely ill or injured.

Would you like to go, either as a veteran, a guardian or a volunteer? Go online to Honor Flights at [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org). Click the regional hubs for a map of states; click your state for contact info and the hub's website and schedule, as well as the applications for veterans, guardians and volunteers. My state, for example, has one flight planned every month through October. Scroll down the page for state-related info and videos. Call them at 937-521-2400 with your questions.

Honor Flights is non-profit and can use our dollars. (They rate 4 stars from Charity Navigator.) You can donate on their website ([www.honorflight.org/donate-online.html](http://www.honorflight.org/donate-online.html)), either to one of the regional hubs that covers your state or to the network as a whole. Or, if you'd rather send a check than make a donation online, you can send it to:

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We haven't opened our wallets in quite a while. I think we should do so for this.

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# Historically Speaking

## Storytelling has power

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival is coming to the Historic Grove Theater on June 3 and 4, 2022. You don't want to miss this amazing experience! Kay Brookshire gives us insight into the history of Flatwater Tales and excites us about the 2022 Festival.

Besides stimulating the listener's imagination without an electronic device in sight, storytelling has the power to teach, to bring communities together, to heal individuals and nations, according to its advocates.

"Storytelling has the power to promote peace and facilitate dialogue anywhere and everywhere in the world," Kiran Singh Sirah, president of the International Storytelling Center (ISC) in Jonesborough, Tenn., said in a 2017 speech at the United Nations in Switzerland, where he was honored as a Champion of Peace. It's always been a democratic art, accessible no matter a person's wealth, status, or education, he has said.

"It can also be a great platform for empowering people, especially the voices of the marginalized," Kiran said.

Storytelling experiences drove five Oak Ridge friends to create a festival for stories at home, one that would not only bring storytellers here but also provide community service.

As Emily Jernigan tells it, the festival was conceived in 2017 just outside the "mother church" of storytelling, Jonesborough's International Storytelling Center. Emily and her husband Charlie had made a pilgrimage to the National Storytelling Festival every year since 2010.

"We were infected with the storytelling bug, and we had a bad case of it," Emily said. "We keep going back every year and taking friends with us."

In 2017, Oak Ridgers and fellow storytelling fanatics David and Martha Hobson happened to be with them, standing on Main Street in Jonesborough, when Emily said she and another Oak Ridger, Pat Postma, were interested in having a storytelling festival in Oak Ridge.

"You're kidding!" was Martha's first response, followed a little later with, "Why not?"

The five friends orchestrated the first storytelling festival in Oak Ridge in 2018, with the support of the three Oak Ridge Rotary Clubs, and remain on the Flatwater Tales Executive Board, which Emily chairs. "Our other Executive Board members, Lydia Birk and Charles Crowe, along with Martha, David, Charlie, Pat and I, work year-round with our Event Committee to plan the festival. We're a great team that has fun while working hard!" Emily said.

Today, Flatwater Tales is more than a storytelling festival. Besides inviting three nationally known storytellers to town for entertaining stories, the festival is a community service project of the three Oak Ridge Rotary Clubs. Flatwater Tales has leveraged and invested funds earned by the festival in improving the community, encouraging teachers and librarians to use storytelling in schools, and teaching students at the school district's Secret City Academy to tell their own stories.

Scot Smith, Robertsville Middle School librarian, recognizes the power of storytelling. He was among teachers and librarians who attended storytelling training at the Jonesboro center, with support from the Flatwater Tales community service project.

"These trainings and storytelling in general have had a tremendous impact on my library programming and my development as a professional educator," Scot said. "I use storytelling – either my own or those stories from professionals like Bil Lepp or Donald Davis that I am able to find online on YouTube – at least once a week with my classes. My students (and I) look forward to the stories every Friday."

The support from Flatwater Tales along with professional development hours from Oak Ridge Schools made a dramatic difference for him, he said. "I have grown in profound ways as a storyteller, thanks in part to the training at ISC," Scot said.

Storytelling has been powerful for Grove Theater, which hosts Flatwater Tales.

"The Rotary Clubs of Oak Ridge and Flatwater Tales

Festival volunteers and donors have helped transform and modernize the theater," said John Storey, President of Friends of the Grove Theater.

"Specific projects have included contributions to updating the theater lighting to energy efficient LED lights, both for the stage and the common areas, modernizing the restroom facilities, and installation of the Westcott Wall of photos on the exterior of the theater," John said. The Friends count on community partners to support the theater's vision of providing arts, music and cultural experiences to Oak Ridge and surrounding communities, he said.

For the lighting update, Flatwater Tales received a \$10,500 Rotary matching District Grant, along with \$23,000 worth of volunteer labor from Friends of the Grove and High Places Community Church, located at the Grove, Emily explained.

Emily happened to drive by the Grove when an image of Ed Westcott's 1940s-era photos on a blank exterior wall popped into her head. She proposed the project to Flatwater Tales, and the \$5,500 project was completed with help from Friends of the Grove.



William Westcott, Emily Hunnicutt, John Westcott, Emily Jernigan, Bobbie Martin (partially hidden), and Lt. Gov. Randy McNally at the ribbon cutting of the Westcott Wall (Photo Submitted)

"Rotary is instrumental to our success and an intrinsic part of our organization," Emily said. "We are a Rotary non-profit community service project." Flatwater Tales strives to raise Oak Ridge's profile and attract a diverse audience to the city for the festival. It also aims to collaborate with other community organizations to preserve the compelling art of storytelling to entertain, connect people, and to enable others to effectively tell their own stories.

The National Storytelling Festival turns 50 this year, and Oak Ridge's youthful Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival observes the fifth year since its founding, a result of the Jonesborough festival captivating a few Oak Ridgers.

Storytellers Bil Lepp, Minton Sparks and Tim Lowry entertained an audience of 350 that first year, 2018, at the Oak Ridge Playhouse. It followed a riverfront Flatwater Festival, a Saturday fund raising event of the three Rotary Clubs, with the storytelling on Sunday.

In 2019, Flatwater Tales became an independent festival and moved to the larger Grove Theater. Attendance more than doubled to 750 people from eight states, with storytellers. Bil Lepp, a crowd favorite, joined by Carmen Deedy and Bobby Norfolk. More than 100 volunteers, many of them Rotarians, helped with the event.

"It has been just magical – the right event at the right time," Emily said.

The Covid pandemic interfered with 2020 plans, when Andy Offutt Irwin, Kim Weitkamp and Bil, who had become the Tales mascot, were invited. The festival was postponed, and the same tellers were asked to return in 2021.

"But Covid still happened. We decided to make it a virtual festival rather than have no festival at all," Emily explained. The storytellers were taped at Bil's church in South Charleston, W.Va. About 50 people were there, and another 120 watched virtually. The festival had the first Canadian attendee, making the Oak Ridge festival now an international one.

This year, the Flatwater Festival returns to a live event at the Historic Grove Theater.

The Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival on June 3 and 4

features the Tales' first invitation to a storyteller to write and tell a story unique to Oak Ridge. Nationally acclaimed storyteller Sheila Arnold will headline the evening opening session on June 3, premiering the story of the Scarboro 85 titled "The Secret City's Secret City: Scarboro." She will tell of the 85 teens who were the first African Americans to desegregate a public school system in the Southeast in 1995, when they entered Robertsville Junior High and Oak Ridge High School.

Ms. Sheila, as she is called, has visited Oak Ridge, talked with some of the Scarboro 85, and toured with Oak Ridge Historian Ray Smith to learn some of Oak Ridge's history. Charles Crow, on the Flatwater Tales Executive Committee, recommended her. He knew that Sheila had developed a creative story that documented his high school, Langston, the African American high school in Johnson City, Tenn., that was closed due to desegregation in 1965.

Ms. Sheila is described as "a professional Imaginator with a passion, vision and ministry of healing hearts, unifying communities and reminding people to share their stories." She was awarded a McDowell Fellowship for her artistic excellence, giving her time at McDowell's New Hampshire artists' residency, where she worked on two stories, one about the Scarboro 85.

Joining her that night and for three performances on Saturday, June 4, will be Bil Lepp, the award-winning West Virginia storyteller, who says he grew up in a family where "truth was fluid," encouraging him to spin tales and exaggerate at an early age.

Kim Weitkamp, also a nationally acclaimed storyteller and singer-songwriter, was labeled as "high-spirited, uncooperative and too talkative" in school, but channeled those comments into her high energy, heartfelt and hilarious artistry as an adult.

On Saturday, June 4 the three storytellers will present a family show from 10 a.m. - noon, an afternoon show from 2-5 p.m. and an evening show from 7-10 p.m. The tellers will share different stories at each show.

Kim and Bil will join Sheila for the 7 p.m. June 3 performance. Those tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5 and older. The June 4 morning family show tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for school-age children (or say 5 and older again, whatever you think). The afternoon and evening performances are \$25 for each show. Early Bird pricing is currently available at \$40 per ticket for both the afternoon and evening shows June 4 and will be good through Mother's Day. For groups of 10 or more, tickets are \$20 each for either afternoon or evening show.

Tickets are available from Eventbrite at [www.flatwatertales.com](http://www.flatwatertales.com) by clicking on the "Buy Tickets!" red button, and The Ferrell Shop (cash or check only) in Jackson Square.

As the Flatwater Tales returns in person, another first-time event will be offered. City Historian Ray Smith will lead a tour of Oak Ridge historic sites at 1 p.m. June 3. The tour is free, but registration and tickets are available at Eventbrite. An optional visit to the Oak Ridge History Museum, with a \$4 admission fee, will be included.

Besides telling stories, Bil Lepp will lead a workshop from 2-4 p.m. June 2 on "Bringing a Story to Life and Including Your Audience in the Experience." Budding storytellers may join him at the UT Arboretum in Oak Ridge. Tickets for that are \$50 and available at Eventbrite and the Ferrell Shop.

Thank you, Kay! Readers, are you excited now? If not, then you have not been exposed to storytelling at its finest. Make your plans now to get your tickets and join in the fun and laughter. One of my favorite photographs of Fanny and me is the one that Emily Jernigan took showing us belly laughing at a recent storytelling festival. We had great fun and you can too. Join us for the 2022 Flatwater Tales!

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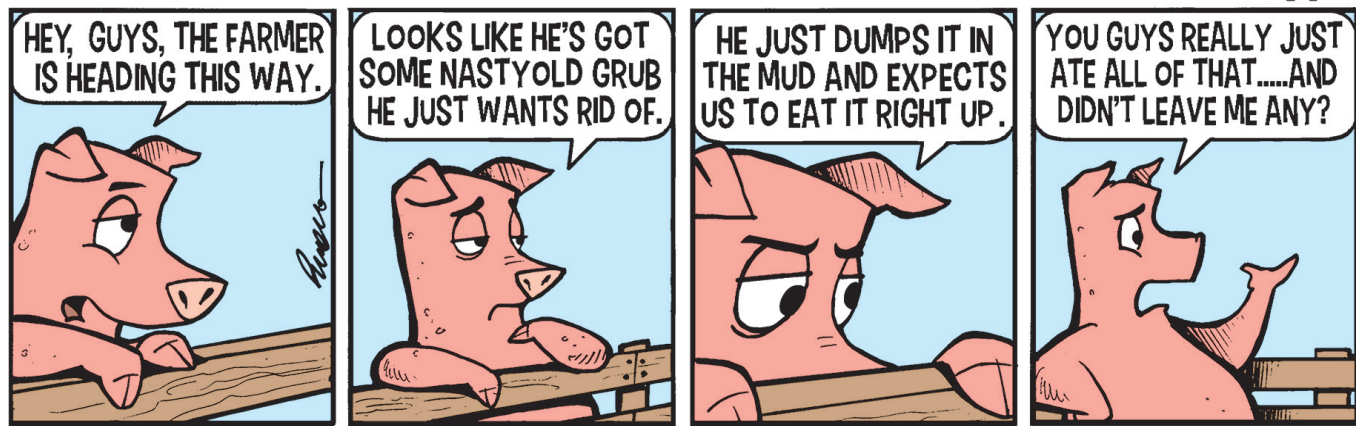
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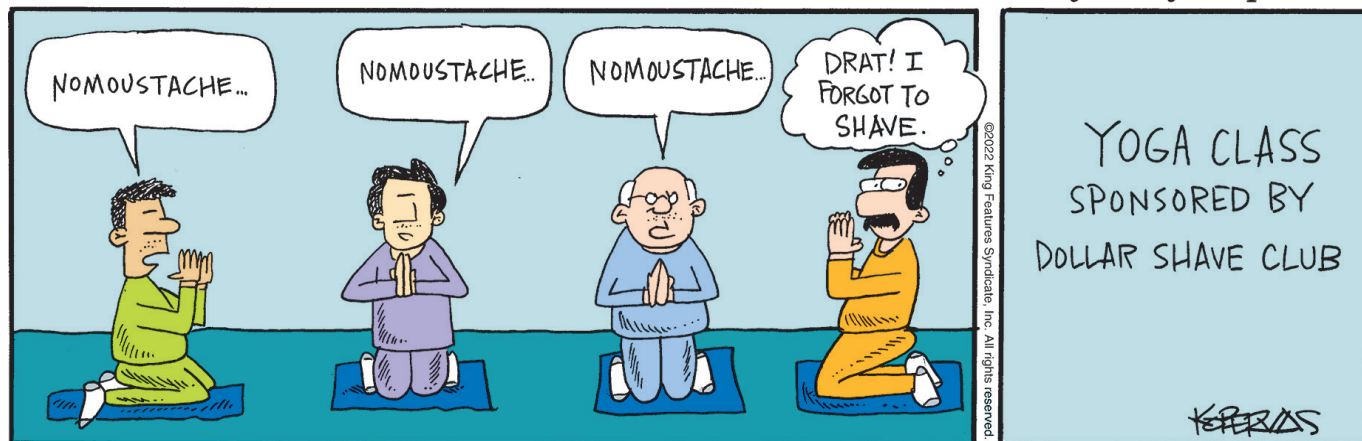
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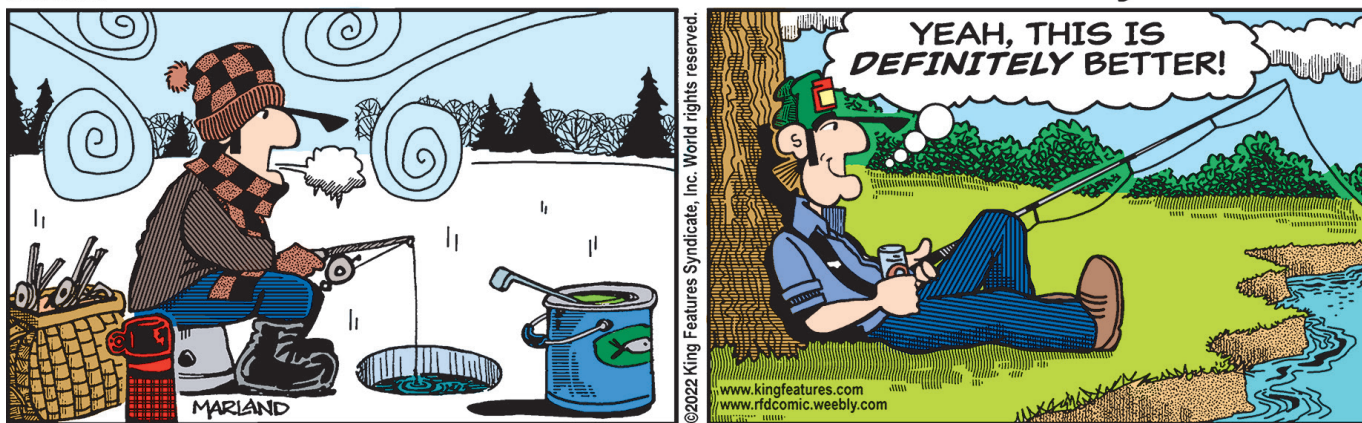
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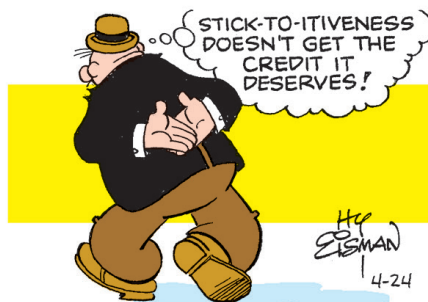
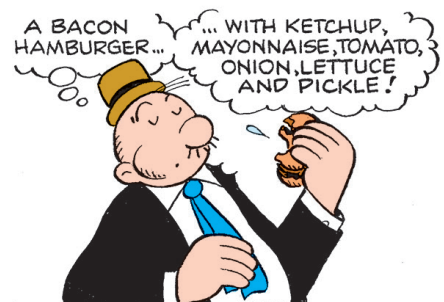
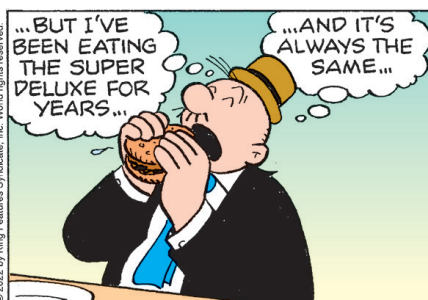
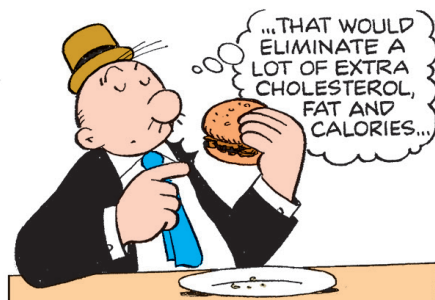
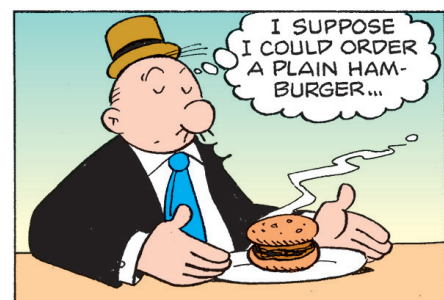
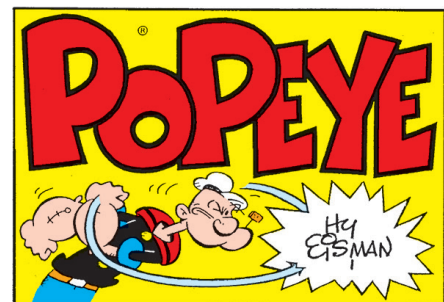
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# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



# MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

\* On May 18, 1783, the first United Empire Loyalists, known to American Patriots as Tories, arrive in what is now New Brunswick, Canada, to take refuge under the British crown. Loyalist refugees in western Quebec were given 200 acres apiece.

\* On May 22, 1859, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, is born. His first Sherlock Holmes story, "A Study in Scarlet," was published in 1887. Doyle soon grew weary of his creation, killing off Holmes only to resuscitate him later due to popular demand.

\* On May 20, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signs the Homestead Act, which opens government-owned land to small family farmers. The act gave the head of a family 160 acres to try his hand at farming for five years. If the farmer then could prove the homestead successful, he paid an \$18 filing fee and received a deed to the land.

\* On May 21, 1881, in Washington, D.C., humanitarians Clara Barton and Adolphus Solomons found the American National Red Cross, established to provide humanitarian aid to victims of wars and natural disasters.

\* On May 17, 1943, the crew of the Memphis Belle, one of a group of American bombers based in Britain, becomes the first B-17 crew to complete 25 missions over Europe and return to the United States.

\* On May 19, 1975, New York City's Chinatown is almost entirely shut down with shuttered stores displaying signs reading "Closed to Protest Police Brutality." The demonstration was a reaction to the New York Police Department's treatment of Peter Yew after he witnessed the police beating a Chinese teenager and attempted to intervene.

\* On May 16, 1980, Los Angeles Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson steps in for injured center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and scores 42 points, leading the Lakers to a four games-to-two series win over the Philadelphia 76ers and the NBA championship.

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10:00 a.m. Business Meeting

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2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof or the waivers of notice of meeting, as the case may be.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
4. Presentation and consideration of reports of officers, directors, and committees.
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# Coal Dust: The Summer of '65



**Terry Futrell**  
Author

*I think a role model is a mentor - someone you see on a daily basis, and you learn from them.*  
**Denzel Washington**

I remember the first time that I met Fred Shofner as if it were only yesterday. I had just completed my freshman year at the University of Tennessee and was working full time for the Electrical Engineering Department during the summer of 1965. A couple of other student workers and I worked deep in the bowels of Ferris Hall salvaging electrical components from surplus military equipment for graduate students to use in their research projects.

It certainly wasn't a glamorous job and was a bit dirty, but the pay was a whopping \$1.25 per hour, which would really help with college expenses in the coming year. Little did I realize that when our supervisor walked in one day accompanied by a stranger, my life would be forever impacted.

As a nineteen-year-old Electrical Engineering student at the University, my freshman year had been anything but spectacular. Although I had graduated at the top of my class of 35 students at rural Coalfield High School in Morgan County, Tennessee, adjusting to the sheer size of the university with its 20,000 plus student body had been both a formidable challenge and a humbling experience. Coming from a family with very meager resources, I was also challenged by having to take a full course load while working part time in order to eat. I had worked in the student center cafeteria as a busboy for the first six months and was excited when the opportunity came in the spring of 1965 to work for the Electrical Engineering Department.

I had completed one year of electronics training during high school, and the new job gave me an opportunity to work in the area that I had chosen for my career, although initially my work was simply cleaning laboratories. So, when my supervisor introduced me to Fred Shofner on that fateful day in early summer of 1965 and indicated that Fred needed assistance with his doctoral laser research project, I eagerly said yes. Although I didn't have a clue what a laser was, I left the dirty Ferris Hall basement behind and began what was to become one of the greatest adventures of my life.

I wasn't sure how old Fred was at the time – he had a stately and scholarly look about him. With hair that was already showing gray around the edges, I suppose I considered him to be at least in his mid-thirties. Only recently have I come to realize that Fred was only in his mid-twenties at the time, but in the eyes of a rather immature nineteen-year-old, our six- to eight-year age difference was a gulf as wide as the Grand Canyon. I have since concluded that the graying hair was probably a result of the level of intensity that Fred poured into his work – a trait that was quite visible to me and one that cast a lasting influence on my own approach to work.

This was affirmed several years ago when a new management team assumed leadership of the place where I was working. After interviewing me a couple of times, one of the new managers remarked “I am convinced that you would do whatever it takes to get the job done.” This reflected the level of determination and commitment that I learned from Fred Shofner in the summer of '65.

I first developed my interest in and love for technology by watching television shows such as “Watch Mr. Wizard” and “Flash Gordon” when I was in elementary school. Now, at the age of nineteen, I was afforded the opportunity to work side-by-side with Fred Shofner for a period of 8-10 weeks on some of the most advanced technological research at that time. With each new task, Fred would patiently explain not only what he needed me to do but the science basis for what I was doing.

During that summer, I learned to polish the intricate cuts of glass

tubing used for laser components, to use shop tools to create various mechanical components, and to build a power supply for the photomultiplier detector that Fred used to measure the laser output. I was introduced to instrumentation, vacuum systems, optics, and a disciplined scientific approach to conducting experiments. I was literally in technology heaven!

Fred's research into transients in plasma lasers was at the forefront of technology at the time. While there was much that I did not understand about Fred's research, it was clear that he was plowing new scientific ground with a fervor and insight that remind one of Thomas Edison. Even though I was just a raw, unformed student from a rural, coal-mining community in East Tennessee, I had somehow been placed in a close working relationship with a true scientist who in a mysterious way represented a modern-day Edison.

There was another side to Fred Shofner that deserves mention – his caring and appreciation for work done by others. At the end of the summer, Fred concluded the experimental portion of his research and concentrated on completing his doctoral thesis. During the fall quarter, my assignment was to prepare engineering drawings for inclusion in Fred's thesis.

In those days, the entire thesis, including drawings, had to be prepared using lithographic masters. In my entire career, I am not sure that I have encountered any task as difficult as preparing engineering drawings

on lithographic masters using the special “waxy” pencils required. The pencils were difficult to keep sharp, resulting in poor line definition. Even the smallest amount of oil transferred from one's skin to the lithographic master made drawing almost impossible.

Finally, near the end of the quarter, Fred came to pick up the completed drawings. To show his appreciation, he took me to dinner at the Regas Restaurant. While this may not seem noteworthy to many, a trip to the Regas was beyond the wildest dreams of a kid from an economically depressed coal mining community. A meal there would cost almost as

much as I made in a week! Yet, Fred's heartfelt appreciation for my work over the past several months was sincerely expressed

by buying my dinner at this renowned Knoxville establishment.

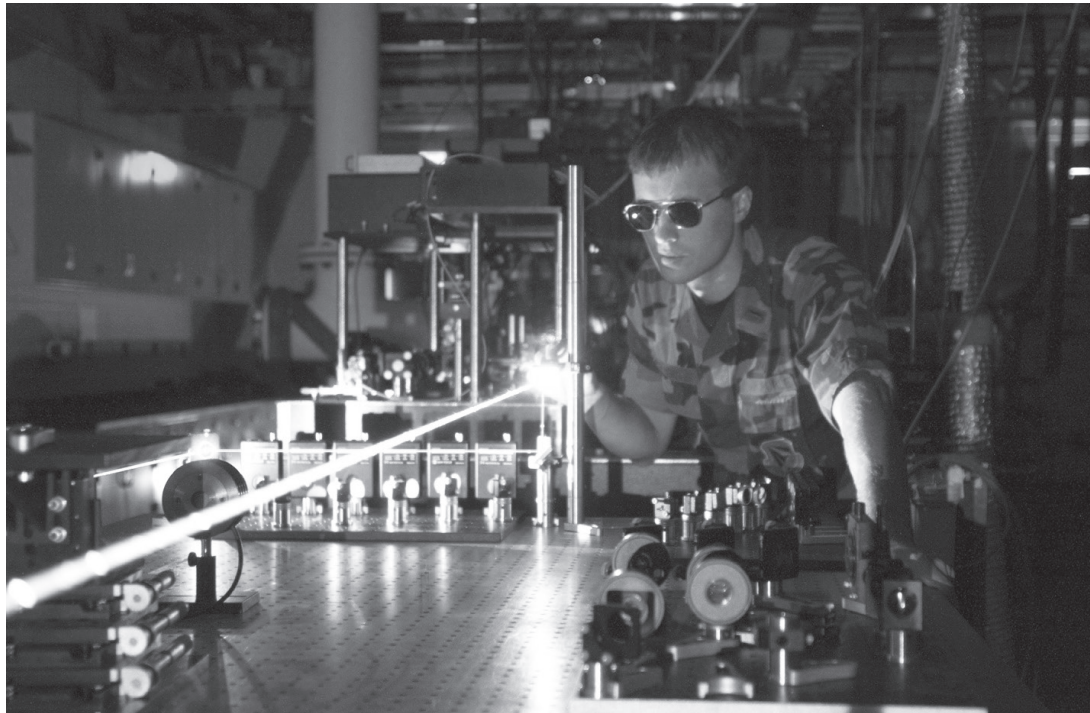
While I was working with Fred Shofner, I never consciously thought about his many traits that were being instilled into my being – his work ethic, his scientific inquisitiveness, his love for technology, and his approach to mentoring. In retrospect, I can see how each of these had a profound and lasting impact upon my own life.

My career progressed from the design and deployment of advanced technologies in an analytical laboratory to management of technology research and development programs to evaluation of advanced green energy technologies on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy. Because of my work supporting Fred's laser research, I successfully deployed in the late 1970s the first laser- and fiber optic-based telecommunication system approved for classified data in the Nation's Nuclear Weapons Complex.

Throughout my career, I always opted for opportunities that maximized my hands-on involvement with technology, much like in that one-room laboratory where I worked with Fred. I was also blessed (or plagued) with an unquenchable thirst for learning about new things – a trait that I observed so prominently in Fred.

Finally, in tribute to the patient mentoring that I received from Fred, I strived to pay it forward by mentoring and supporting other young engineers, seeking to impart to them every bit of specialized knowledge and understanding that I have gained through the years.

It is difficult to look back over one's life without seeking to identify the factors that had significant influence. In part, this drove me to perform many hours of genealogical research to better understand the bloodlines that made me what I am. Even after developing a much better understanding of those bloodlines, I can say with assurance that no bloodline contributed more to molding and shaping me and my life's work than those few months of intense work with Fred Shofner in the summer of '65.



*Electronics training in the Morgan County Schools enabled Terry to serve as a lab assistant in pioneering laser research while a student at the University of Tennessee. [Photo: United States Air Force]*

## Cumberland Trail Construction

Strong folks with a love of the mountains and in need of a summer job should check out the Remote Trail Crew positions with the Cumberland Trail. The work will be on sky-high Bird Mountain, making headway on a trail connection between Wartburg and Frozen Head State Park. The crew will be stationed on Bird Mountain for the summer, hand building 2 miles of new foot trail and repairing existing trail. Once completed, the Bird Mountain ridgeline trail will become a favorite for hikers from far and wide with spectacular views of the Frozen Head peak and the mountains that ring the Wartburg Basin.

Those with interest in an adventurous summer job must schedule an Interview by contacting the Cumberland Trail at 423-566-2229. Interviews will be held at Frozen Head State Park on May 10th or 11th. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, with good fitness and interest in outdoor skills, and available during the work period of May 18 through August 20. Educational opportunities will be included in the experience, provided by Tennessee State Park staff. Request more information from Dalton.Miller@tn.gov, or check on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/cumberlandtrailSST>

The Cumberland Trail now has 250 miles of open backcountry trail between Cumberland Gap National Park and Signal Point National Park near Chattanooga. Morgan County educator Donald Todd was one of the earliest leaders in the creation of the Cumberland Trail, taking up the cause in 1968 and continuing the work as long as he lived. Currently, the trail is fully connected from Frozen Head State Natural Area to LaFollette. From Nemo Bridge the trail runs south through Catoosa Wildlife Management area, across Black Mountain and into the head of the Sequatchie Valley.

## Yo-ho-ho! Tennessee Pirate Fest is Hoving Into View!

GREATER KNOXVILLE, Tennessee (April 27, 2022): The sixth annual Tennessee Pirate Fest invites you to go back in time to the Age of Piracy. This outdoor daytime entertainment-oriented festival will be held the last two weekends in May plus Memorial Day at the Tennessee Medieval Faire site in Harriman—just 30 miles west of Turkey Creek. Patrons will be transported to the pirate haven of Barataria, Louisiana, circa 1814.

“Get Yer Pirate On! with pirate Captain Jean Lafitte before the Battle of New Orleans. Enjoy his French hospitality as he entertains British Red Coats, New Orleans’ socialites, pirates of Barataria, and even supernaturals. Escape on a pirate adventure for the whole family,” said Barrie Paulson, VP/ Director.

Rotating on several stages will be professional touring and local talent. Pirate music will be brought to you by Tom Mason and the Blue Buccaneers, The CrossJacks, Ship Shape (May 21-22), and Kris Colt (May 28-29-30). Interactive danger shows will be performed by The Flaming Ginger and The Lords of Adventure. For the young at heart, there will be the slapstick puppet show, Punch and Judy; Pirattitude by Roane Children’s Theatre; and classical youth musicians with Bravura Music Acade-

my on Saturdays. Interactive costumed street characters will seek to entertain in Kombat Kroquet, Lafitte’s Follies, Secrets of Barataria, and Throw Me A Line. For those who like slightly spooky entertainment, Captain Davy Jones and Calypso will guide those willing on the Trail of Doom (PG)—a pirate version of A Christmas Carol. Entertainment schedules will be available online and at the entrance.

Patrons are encouraged to dress in pirate or Regency era costumes and enter the Costume Contest. All can learn to



be a pirate in Pirate School and compete in yard games in Pirate Olympics. Patrons are encouraged to share their talents on stage in the Gong Shows and play characters in classic Fairytales. All are invited to be part of the mid-day parade, where the Bucketeers will be featured on Saturdays. Other free activities will include corn hole, volleyball, the stocks, giant chess, and steel drum. There will also be games to play

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rain or shine on May 21-22, 28-29-30, from 11am-6pm ET. The festival is located at 550 Fiske Road, Harriman, TN. Free parking is provided in rough-cut fields, and handicap parking is available. Entrance tickets can be purchased online now at [www.TNPirateFest.com](http://www.TNPirateFest.com) and will be available for purchase on festival days at the ticket house for cash or credit. Entrance ticket prices include all taxes and fees and are \$19 for ages 13+, \$9 for ages 5 to 12; and admission is free for ages 4 and under. Festival beverage tickets (in \$1 increments) are available online, will be available at the gate, or patrons can use exact change. There will be no ATM onsite, so patrons are encouraged to bring cash for purchases, tips, and convenience.

Festival rules include the following: costumes and behavior should be family-friendly, footwear is required, no loaded or sharp weapons, bladed weapons must be sheathed, all weapons must be peace/zip-tied, service animals only, no outside food or drink, enter at your own risk. Festival grounds are primarily grass with small hills. Portable benches will be available at the stages and patrons can bring their own seating. To purchase beer, one must be 21+ years of age with valid photo ID. There will be no onsite public camping; however, motel discounts are available at the Baymont Inn and Travelodge in Harriman (call 865-882-5340 with promo code LKDE). For more information, please visit [www.TNPirateFest.com](http://www.TNPirateFest.com), “like” and “follow” the Tennessee Medieval Faire | Tennessee Pirate Fest on Facebook, or call 865-376-0319.

## Invitation to bid

Morgan County Solid Waste Department, will be accepting sealed bids to collect scrap metal that is disposed of at the convenience centers across the county, and landfill as well. Individuals who bid must provide a list of equipment they have available to collect all scrap metal, such as trucks, trailers, and/or any lifting type machinery. Individuals who bid must also offer a percentage of all proceeds that are received from the sales of all scrap metal. The winning bidder will be selected by the equipment available to collect metal and the percentage offered to Morgan County for collected scrap metal. Bid opening date will be Thursday, May 12th, 2022 at 10 am. Bid opening will be at the Morgan County Courthouse, 3rd floor conference room. Bids may be mailed in to P.O. Box 250, Wartburg, TN 37887 and also to the landfill office 337 Flat Fork Rd. Wartburg, TN 37887. Morgan County Solid Waste Department reserves the right to refuse and/or reject any and all bids.

# Track and Field

By Tara England

The Track and Field Team competed at Anderson County High School last night (Friday) in the Dale Legg Track Meet. It was a warm evening of big surprises.

The biggest news of the evening was made by Nathan Ward. Nathan set a new school record in the boy's discus with a throw of 99 feet 6 inches. Nathan replaced the previous record of 93 feet 4 inches set by a 2018 SHS graduate and current volunteer assistant throwing coach to the current Track and Field team, Caleb Hawn.

Other highlights from the evening:  
Boys 4x800 relay team made up of Jonah Freels, Josh Nestle, Noah Cox, and Caleb Quinney placed 3rd.

**SHS athletes**

Jonah Freels

-1st in the Long Jump

-1st in the 300-meter hurdles

**WCHS athletes**

Caleb Quinney

- 4th in 400 meter

**Charles Conner**

- new personal record in the 400 meters

- new personal record in shot put

**Haylee Morgan**

- new personal record in discus

- new personal record in shot put

**Homeschooler**

Josh Nestle

- 4th in 300-meter hurdles

- new personal record in long jump.



## Baseball and Softball Roundup

**BASEBALL**

**Coalfield**

4/25 – Defeated Oneida 11-1

4/26 – Defeated Oneida 19-2

4/28 – Defeated Oakdale 14-4

4/29 – Lost to Pigeon Forge 0-4

**Oakdale**

4/25 – Defeated Midway 14-1

4/27 – Lost to Midway 11-12

4/28 – Lost to Coalfield 4-14

**Sunbright**

4/26 – Lost to Oliver Springs 0-5

4/26 – Lost to Oliver Springs 3-16

4/29 – Lost to White County 0-20

**Wartburg Central**

4/25 – Lost to Rockwood 0-10

4/29 – Lost to Scott 6-8

**SOFTBALL**

**Coalfield**

4/25 – Lost to Oliver Springs 0-12

4/26 – Lost to Knoxville Catholic 17-20

**Oakdale**

4/25 – Defeated Scott 6-2

4/28 – Lost to Rockwood 8-9

4/29 – Lost to Wartburg 0-11

**Sunbright**

No games reported

**Wartburg Central**

4/28 – Defeated York Institute 11-1

4/28 – Defeated York Institute 12-0

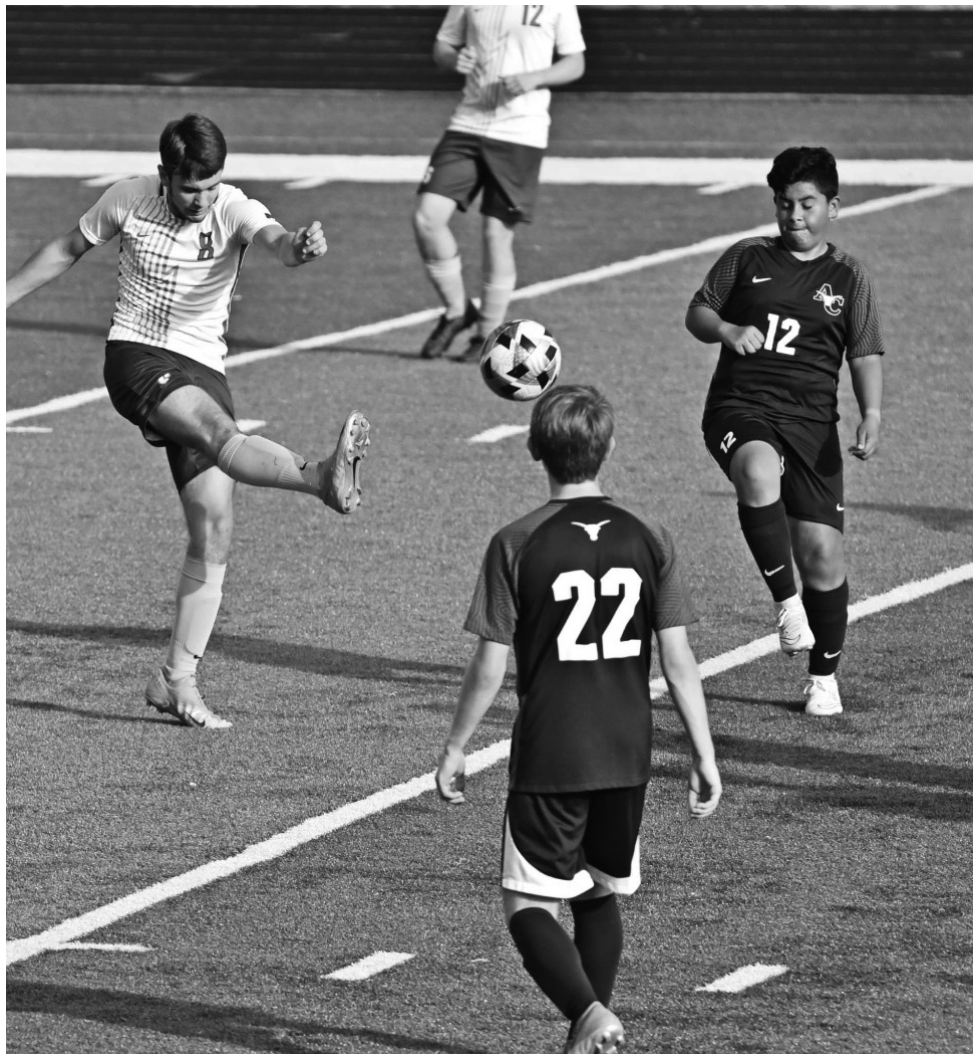
4/29 – Defeated Oakdale 11-0

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# Scott Shuts Out Clinton in Home District Win

By Richard Spears



Highlander Soccer Head Coach Eric Henry stressed how important his team’s shutout win against district foe Clinton was last Thursday, April 21: “The shutout helps our standing in the region. We needed this,” Henry said. After blasting the Dragons 7-0, the Highlanders are atop their District with a 2-0 record, with one regular season District contest left, on the road at Kingston Thursday, April 28.

As well as Scott’s defense played, their offense was just as stout. Midway through the first period, Highlander Skye Babb took an assist from Hugo Henry and nailed the game’s first score. Two minutes later, Scott’s Phoenix Norris scored with an assist from Josiah Fladie. Fladie passed to Connor Stanley min-

utes later, and Stanley drove in the goal for a 3-0 Scott lead at the half.

Fladie scored 3 of the Highlanders’ 4 goals in the second frame to earn a hat trick, assisted once by Connor Stanley then scoring twice unassisted. Stanley scored the remaining Scott goal, off an assist by Norris.

Highlander Defense Coach Dr. Ryan Hoffman said, “I’m very proud of how well our defense played. Clinton played us much closer earlier in the season. Kingston will be a telling game.”

Scott Head Coach Eric Henry told the Morgan County Today, “We played well across the board, putting plenty of offensive pressure on Clinton. I’m happy to get the shutout. This is what happens when we put together a good game.” Scott was scheduled to play at Oneida Monday, April 25, then at Kingston

Thursday, April 28.

# Oneida Plays Tough on the road Against Knox Central

The Indians held their own against loaded Knox Central Saturday, April 23, falling to the Bobcats 3-1. Oneida trailed 2-0 at the half, and made what Oneida Head Coach Derek Keeton said was a “great late push in a high quality game.” Indian Luke Barna hit a penalty kick with about 15 minutes left in the game, to bring the score to 3-1. Coach Keeton said, “We finished the game well today and created many other shots late to put pressure on them. We missed a few good opportunities to score, and we battled a very good team. Our defense played hard, but we just had a few breakdowns mentally that cost us. We came to win today and came up a little short.”

Oneida’s goalie, Gavin Keeton made some key saves to keep the contest close. “Gavin had 3 potential goals that were on frame that he was able to get his hands on, that saved us,” Coach Keeton said. Oneida was scheduled to play in-county rival Scott High Monday, April 25, followed by Northview Academy at home on Tuesday, April 26 and then Grace Christian on the road Thursday, April 28.



# PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



## MATT BROWN



## GAVEN TERRY



Results from April 30th

**Mod Mini**

- 1.2B Shane Bullock
- 2.R26 Tom Patterson
- 3.13 Terry Boshears
- 4.22C Chuck Ledford
- 5.78 Spencer Boda
- 6. 2 Ledford- DNS

**Sportsman**

- 1.22 Jaylon Shannon
- 2.24 Anthony White Jr
- 3.777 Eric Jones
- 4.357 Zachary Stringfellow
- 5.30 Gary Livey

**Street**

- 1.51X Pete Wright
- 2.48 Reagan Williams
- 3.H15 Riley Phillips
- 4.18 Dale Brummitt
- 5.29 Kenneth Williams
- 6.88 Mike Duncan
- 7.44 Micheal Owenby

**Late Model**

- 1.7 Darrick York
- 2.06 Wesley Lester
- 3.00 Ted Lowe
- 4.23 Tim Damron
- 5.44 Caleb Marcum
- 6.44 Chris Marcum
- 7.2X Anthony White
- 8.23J Justin Merideth
- 9.20 Dalton Jones
- 10.39 Eddie King Jr
- 11.12T Dan Tipton

**Dwarf**

- 1.28 Wes Jones
- 2.222 Devin Brown
- 3.07N Sam Nichols
- 4.96 Cody Norris
- 5.15 David Dunlap
- 6.187 Casey Clarey
- 7.28B Micheal Buchanan
- 8.12S Selena Byrge
- 9.7 Ryan Hawn
- 10.95 Micheal Norris
- 11.25 Jo Spurling
- 12.66 Blake Nagy
- 13.1 Jimmy Del-

**aney-DNS**

- 14.45 Dylan Sise-DNS

**Pony**

- 1.40 Raygen Shepherd
- 2.D3 Charles Smith
- 3.20 Daniel Boles

**Thunder**

- 1.4 Dwayne Wilkerson
- 2.67 Billy Scarbo
- 3.D3 Dalton Russell
- 4.28 Raymond Hamby
- 5.4 Matthew Lloyd-DNS
- 6.8 Jeremiah Byrge-DNS

**FWD**

- 1.9K Keven Sexton
- 2.25 Jordon West
- 3.315 Jody West
- 4.H1 Jacob Hooks
- 5.38 Bradley Ostermann
- 6.69C Chris Sexton
- 7.39 Bradley Owens
- 8.14 Jason Brown
- 9.7 Nathaniel Brown



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# Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



## The Morgan County Way

I live in Atlanta, GA. Morgan County natives are no strangers to Atlanta. People travel to Atlanta for various reasons. Some families drive south to visit Florida beaches or take the kids to Walt Disney World. Some folks come to see a Braves game, a concert, tour The College Football Hall of Fame, visit the Georgia Aquarium, shop at Lenox Square Mall, take the kids to Legoland, or attend a football game in Mercedes Benz Stadium. Some of you might have even been to Atlanta for work related reasons.

It's no secret; Atlanta traffic is an absolute nightmare. The traffic brings out the absolute worst in humans. When I drive thru Atlanta, I normally get cut off 3 to 4 times within the first few minutes, inevitably have someone tail gate me in the right lane to beat me to a stopped red light, or almost be rear ended pulling out of my driveway. People constantly tail-gate people, honk their horn in frustration, and see people screaming out obscenities .

If you need to change lanes suddenly, you can forget it; no one wants to let anyone in front of them.

The Morgan county way is completely different. I still visit the county from time to time and it's amazing the difference.

of his driveway and the recipients wave a hand to thank them. People patiently wait for someone to pull out of parking spots or kindly signal some to go around them.



If people translate these actions in vehicles to real human interactions, they end up the real winners. I was raised to open doors for people, say, "thank you", apologize for my mistakes, greet people with a smile, and show kindness to all humans.

I was recently upgraded at the Sheraton in Kauai, Hawaii. You should have seen this room. Words can't really describe it. They upgraded me to a presidential suite overlooking the ocean. This room cost about 800.00 a night and I got it for the regular rate. I

There is very little traffic on the road unless there has been a traffic accident, an object blocking the road, or kids getting out of school. I see some people waving to complete strangers on the highway. Many folks will stop to let a stranger out

get upgraded all the time. Not just because of my travel status, but because I try to treat every human being with dignity and respect. So many people complain, bicker, or scoff to the people working at these hotels. Eye contact, a simple smile, and asking about their day can go a long way.



### Meet the Star of Your Mother's Day Brunch

This Sunday is Mother's Day! Here's the plan: Let's "take" Mom to her own personal French bistro for brunch. Place a table somewhere unexpected, like your garden or in front of the fireplace or a pretty window. Set a lovely table with flowers, coffee and mimosas. Add some twinkle lights and music. To complete the Mother's Day bistro experience, have her wait outside for an hour to be seated. Just kidding! Don't do that.

Here's a lovely recipe perfect for Mother's Day (or any day!). We have a decadent dish that's fancy pants, frugal and fabulous. Drum roll please ... Clafouti!

Clafouti (pronounced kla-foo-TEE) is a simple French dish that serves as dessert, a special breakfast or the star of your next brunch. It's extremely versatile, very inexpensive and certainly elegant. Did I mention it's easy? If you can make pancakes, you can make clafouti.

You make this classic French dessert by pouring a sweet crepe-like batter over fruit in a baking dish and baking. The eggy batter cooks around the fruit, resulting in a light, airy, flan-like texture. Use whatever fruit you have on hand, whip up a quick batter in your blender, and bake to impress. It is delicious warm, at room temperature or straight from the fridge.

recipe because they're coming into season, so they'll be affordable, abundant and delicious. Frozen strawberries are available year-round.

#### STRAWBERRY CLAFOUTI

**Yield:** 4 brunch or 6 dessert servings  
**Prep:** 10 minutes **Cook:** 45 minutes

- Softened butter for the baking dish
- 1/2 cups half and half or whole milk
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 pound frozen or fresh strawberries
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch, if using frozen berries
- Powdered sugar, for garnish



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**If you can make pancakes, you can make this elegant French dish.**

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Lightly butter an 8-cup baking dish or heavy pie dish. Using a blender, combine the half and half, sugars, eggs, vanilla, salt and flour. Blend for 30 seconds.
3. Let the batter rest while you prepare the berries. If you're using frozen

berries with 2 teaspoons cornstarch to help absorb some of the remaining juices. If your berries are whole, slice them in half.

4. Place berries, cut side down, in your baking dish. Pour the batter over the berries. Bake in the oven for 45 minutes, or until it's puffed up, browned and a knife inserted into the center comes out clean. Remove the clafoutis from the oven and allow it to cool for a little while, during which time you'll see it deflate and settle a bit, so have your camera ready.

5. Serve warm or at room temperature, dusted with powdered sugar and whipped cream if desired.

Now, once you know how to make this batter, it's a perfect blank canvas for almost any fruit you can think of. Cherries, bananas, plums, peaches, nectarines, blueberries, raspberries and blackberries can all get into the clafouti club. Depending on the season, enjoy sauteed apples and pears, dried figs, raisins and cranberries.

This is an excellent place for thawed frozen fruit to shine; just make sure to drain the liquid off before using them, or it will compromise the setting of the custard. And, because the recipe calls for a small amount of flour, you can easily make it gluten free; just swap an equal amount of brown rice flour.

Give your next soiree French flair with this versatile frugally fabulous dish. Happy Mother's Day from all of us at Divas on a Dime.

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## Proposal for a middle-class tax increase

A new tax law is being proposed that would increase taxes for millions of middle-class Americans.

The “Protecting Rights to Organize” (PRO) Act has been one of the president’s top priorities. It would increase taxes on many independent contractors by forcing them to become W-2 employees.

A recent study has shown that the PRO Act violates Biden’s campaign tax pledge by raising taxes on 7.7 million Americans. It’s estimated 96 percent of the people affected make \$400,000 or less. The study was done by Americans for Tax Reform, the Tholos Foundation, and Beacon Hill Institute. The study uses IRS data from the Treasury to calculate the tax impact on independent contractors.

Independent contractors can deduct their business expenses on their income tax returns. However, due to the 2018 tax changes, W-2 employee can no longer deduct their business expenses. Consequently, if independent contractors are reclassified as W-2 employees, they would not be able to deduct any of their expenses from their income.

The PRO Act contains a three-part test that determines whether a worker is an independent contractor. The PRO Act would require a business to prove a three-part ABC test to be taxed as an independent contractor. Part A requires that it is free from control of direction. Part B requires that its duties are outside the usual course of work of the hiring entity.

Part C of the PRO Act requires that an individual is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, business, occupation, or profession of the same nature as that involved in the service provided and must be providing service to more than one client to qualify as an independent contractor.

Part C would require that an individual provide services to

more than one client in order to be considered an independent contractor. Part C would reclassify millions of independent contractors into W-2 employees.

Unfortunately, Part C would increase taxes for millions of people.

The PRO Act would not only impact independent contractors, but it would also impact the businesses that contract their services. The PRO Act also nullifies right-to-work laws in 27 states. The PRO Act would allow unions to strike and picket businesses that aren’t involved in a labor dispute. For example, if a union dispute involves an equipment manufacturer, it could also strike in front of a parts supplier who is not involved with the strike and has no way to solve the dispute.

The PRO Act would impact workers’ privacy by giving unions access to their personal information in an electronic, searchable impact. Employees would not be able to stop the company from distributing their information.

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## SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

### What Lured Us Back to the Senior Center?

The too-young staffers at the senior center finally figured out that we’re not coming back until COVID is gone. And it’s not gone. In some areas it’s easing up a bit, but here it’s still going strong. We’re not willing to risk contagion by dashing in the door of the senior center and pretending things are back to normal.

At least once a week the center sends out emails and gets few replies in response. Come to the Ladies Lunch served indoors? No thanks. Experiment with still life photography in the meeting room, with vases, statuettes and fruit provided? No.

We held out, refusing as a group to be party to any potential COVID-spreading indoor activity.

Finally, the staff got it.

They went with videos. The art classes will be online. The book club will have an online discussion, with a link to how to log in to the meeting. And the exercise classes will be posted online so everyone can stretch and work out at home.

But it was the offer of free haircuts that broke our resolve. Some of us haven’t been in a salon for two years.

The rules were specific. Stay in our car until we were handed an at-home COVID test, which we would take in the car. If it proved to be negative, we could proceed to the next step (one person at a time), which was to sit on a chair in the hall inside the right-side door of the center and wait for our turn. When the person ahead of us was finished (down the hall in the kitchen), she would be escorted out the left-side door to the parking lot. It was glorious.

We each came out of the left-side door with a spring in our step, freshly relieved of two years of unruly hair. Staff should have thought of this before.

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## FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

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- 1. Which group released an album titled “Agents of Fortune”?**
- 2. Who wrote and released “Sundown”?**
- 3. Name the 1960s singer who was partially deaf as a result of having meningitis as a child.**
- 4. What do The Chords, Bobby Hebb and Edison Lighthouse all have in common?**
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “Jubilation, she loves me again, I fall on the floor and I’m laughing.”**

### Answers

- 1. Blue Oyster Cult, in 1976. The 2001 CD reissue had four additional songs, including the longer demo version of “(Don’t Fear) The Reaper.”**
- 2. Gordon Lightfoot, in 1974. It was his only chart topper in the U.S. (He’s Canadian.)**
- 3. Mary Wells, of “My Guy” fame. She was singing in clubs by the age of 10.**
- 4. They all made it to the list of One-Hit Wonders for the decades when their songs hit the charts: the ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s.**
- 5. “Cecilia,” by Simon & Garfunkel, in 1970. The song was partially created at a late-night party and recorded on a tape recorder. Simon later came back to it, deciding that it had the makings of a song. The title likely refers to St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music.**

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# Galatians: Chapter 4

Gal. (4:1-7) Family or servant: Pursuing a further legal consideration, Paul argues that a child, as long as he is under age, has no legal rights superior to those of an ordinary household slave, though technically he is family. Instead, he remains under guardians and stewards until “the day” appointed by his father. Paul makes the application. Prior to our conversion, we were children, held in bondage to the “rudiments of the world” (v.3). What were these? For the Jews, they were the legalistic regulations of the law, for Gentiles, some philosophically enslaving system. Both segments of humanity needed release, and according to his own plan, the Lord God provided the remedy.

The apostle speaks of the fulness of time, the precise time in history when the coming of Christ would be most ideal for the success of the Christian movement. This would involve such things as the Old Testament Scriptures, the moral climate of the ancient world, geography, culture, language, transportation, political circumstances, etc. God sent his Son to be born of a woman (the virgin Mary). He would be born under the law to the intent that he might provide redemption for those under that law and that we might be adopted as sons. The promise embraces both Jews and Gentiles, but the emphasis has been on Judaizers who contend that justification is obtained by keeping the law. The context clearly implies that true sonship is not on the basis of national identity, but through adoption by means of Christ’s mission. The adoption process is achieved through a new birth (Jn. 3:3-5; 1:11-13; 1 Pet. 1:22-23).

Because of that bestowed sonship, the Holy Spirit, designated as the Spirit of Christ (Act. 16:6-7; Rom. 8:9), is sent into the hearts of those who obey the gospel. The Spirit himself, on our behalf, cries, “Abba, Father”---a sweet and tender expression (v.6; Mk. 14:36). As a result of belonging to Christ (3:29), Christians are no longer slaves, but (sons and daughters) heirs of the blessings of our heavenly Father.

(Gal. 4:8-11) Turning back to slavery: This section more precisely focuses upon the Gentiles who have fallen under the influence of the Judaizers. Before their conversion they also were in bondage to a false system of worship. But since they have come to know God (1 Jn. 2:3), and to especially be known by him, why would they desire to turn back and again become enslaved to a weak and poverty-stricken system---like abolished Judaism (v.9)? The very idea is most illogical.

The Judaizers had influenced their victims to observe days, months, seasons, and years. These holy days and seasons of the Mosaic regime are as ineffective as the pagan rites in which they formerly were engaged in their pre-Christian days. Paul was not afraid of them (v.11), he was afraid for them. The verbal tense indicates the fear had gripped him already. His fear was that the labor he had spent in the interest of these people might be in vain.

(Gal. 4:12-20) A personal appeal: The apostle begs these converts who were flirting with Mosaic bondage to reconsider their course of action. He had been enslaved to that system, but through Christ was liberated; he urges them to join him in Christian freedom. The phrase, “you did me no wrong,” belongs with what follows. When he first came among them (Acts 13:13), “you never treated me badly.” Apparently on that trip Paul had planned another itinerary, but because of a bodily ailment, he was forced to labor among them. Whatever the nature of the illness (not identified, though highly speculated), it could have tempted them to be repulsed. But they did not despise or reject him. In fact, they received him like one might receive

an angel, or even as Christ himself (v.14). Paul’s rebuke of these churches was not because of a long-harbored grudge due to ill treatment on his first visit.

The apostle now begins an admonition. What has happened to them? Why has their disposition regarding him and his gospel now fallen into such disrepute? Earlier they would have sacrificed their own eyes for him (tender hyperbole), but now they appear to be treating him as an enemy---just because he is truthful with them (v.15-16). Relationships can become so fragile when truth and conviction are at stake.

He specifically turns his attention to the Judaizers. These spiritual predators who have invaded the Galatian churches are zealous, but not for truth (Rom. 10:2-3). They coveted these brothers for their own vested interest (v.17). Zeal would be good if properly directed, whether or not Paul is with them. He would not be offended if other sound teachers were assisting them (v.18). But that was not the case in this instance. He addresses them with the tender, “My little children”; he is hurting over this situation. This anguish will continue until “Christ be formed in you,” they reach a level of greater maturity and can avoid false teachers (v.19). He was perplexed about them and wished he could be with them at that time (v.20).

(Gal. 4:21-31) The allegory of Ishmael and Isaac: To those flirting with a return to Judaism (either the teachers or the students), he directs a question. “You who desire to be under law, answer me: do you not hear the law?” Recalling the Genesis record (16:15, 21:2), Paul uses an ancient situation in an allegorical sense, which he had every right to do under the guidance of the Spirit. An allegory is an extended metaphor, a comparison between two things (without the use of comparative terms, “like” or “as”), from which a lesson is to be drawn. In this case, a circumstance from the days of Abraham is introduced.

Two sets of terms are laid out in contrast. They take their rise from Abraham’s marital arrangements. Sarah was his wife; Hagar was a slave woman. Note the opposing elements: (a) Hagar, Ishmael, flesh, Sinai, bondage; (b) Sarah, Isaac, promise, Jerusalem, freedom. The apostle clearly signifies that these two lists represent two covenants (v.20)---the Mosaic law and the covenant initiated by Christ (v.24). Hagar, the bondwoman, represents the law of Moses, issued from Mt. Sinai (v.25), which was a regime of bondage (5:1). There was no permanent redemption in the animal sacrifices of that administration (Heb. 9:15; 10:4). On the other hand, the NT economy came forth from Jerusalem and is one of freedom (v.26; Rom.6:18).

A further analogy is seen in the fact that just as Ishmael persecuted Isaac, “so also is it now” (v.29), the Jewish legalists were persecuting the followers of Christ. And this hateful action was being demonstrated by the Judaizers among the Galatians saints. What, then, is the lesson to be drawn from these opposites? Is it theologically possible to blend these two covenant systems and please God? No, it is not. “Cast out the handmaid,” thrust away the law of Moses as a means of attempted justification. The two laws were never intended to function simultaneously. The law of Moses was preparatory, served its valid purpose, and passed away. It was replaced by Christ’s law (6:2; 1 Cor. 9:21). When the apostle declares, “We are not children of the handmaid,” he is contending that the Jews are no longer amenable to Moses’ law.

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## Heat-tolerant lettuce

The leaf lettuces are ideal for containers; pick the outer leaves and let the center continue to grow. This is called “cut and come again” harvesting. Head lettuces like Romaine, Bibb and Crisphead need to grow about 50 days to harvest, so plan for those to grow in-ground.

**Bibb:** Buttercrunch, Speckles, Summer Bibb, Summer Bibb Blend

**Crisphead:** Michelle

**Leaf:** Black Seeded Simpson, Green Salad Bowl, Red Deer Tongue

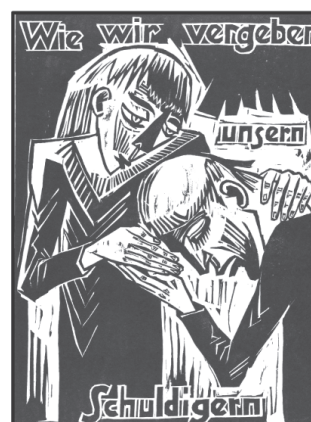
**Romaine:** Little Gem, Parris Island Cos

— Brenda Weaver

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by Max Pechstein (1921)

Be kind to one another,  
compassionate, forgiving each  
other, just as God in Christ  
also has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32



**John Burns**

**Opinion Columnist**

# God's Idea of Time

Prophecy from a biblical perspective is about patterns established by God at creation. Prediction comes from a Babylonian mind, not the Jerusalem mind. The Jerusalem mind seeks peace through Jesus Christ, whilst the Babylonian mind seeks only warfare with God's chosen people.

Daniel introduces us to the mind of the Babylonian priests. As he finds favor with Nebuchadnezzar, the priests of Babylon unite to destroy Daniel's ministry. Daniel had the mind of God, and his commitment was to God's word alone. Daniel did not care what men thought, for he served the living God, and God rewarded him with the most important teachings in history.

To understand Babylon in prophecy a student must read 6 chapters of the Bible in one sitting. Isaiah 13 and 14, Jeremiah 50 and 51, and Revelation 17 and 18. Prayer and loss of religious pre-suppositions will alone lead to Holy Spirit revelation. Babylon is one half of the prophetic equation God frames the entire Bible upon. To know Babylon, is to understand what to do with your testimony of faith.

Daniel introduces the Bible student to a statue of metal. This statue has plagued Nebuchadnezzar, and caused him to lose sleep. His astrologers, diviners and his magi, have all failed at revealing and interpreting the dream. Insteps the prophet of God. His first order is to get his prayer warriors activated and begin a fast that lasts three days.

Daniel reveals the dream, interprets the dream, wins favor with Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon, and the priests exhibit great jealousy toward the Jewish man of God. Nothing has changed in history. Modern Christian teachers deny 87% of scripture to pervert grace without Old Testament mercy found only in the lives of our Jewish ancestors.

The History of Babylon begins with Nimrod, our world's first dictator, at a time when ancient Hebrew was the only language spoken. After the flood of Noah, Nimrod set up his kingdom on the Euphrates River, to rule with his queen and consort Semiramis.

They introduce Assyria to the Annunaki, the giants that permeate the lives of the ancients, and the fallen angels responsible for every religion that perverts God's one plan of redemption. It was at Babylon that men rebelled against the God of creation, to begin the worship of the planets, the 12 constellations of stars, and the sun and the moon.

God's creation calendar upon which all biblical prophecy hinges, was first polluted by Nimrod in Babel. Babel becomes the pagan city we call Babylon. It was at Babel that men began to fight over sun worship and moon worship. Nimrod temporarily united both cults at Babel. God confounded the Hebrew language, and separated men into moon worshippers and sun worshippers.

Daniel has three friends with Hebrew names denoting their being set apart to do God's will. The high priest in Babylon assigned them names denoting their new home in Babylon. Shadrach is he who worships the sun god. Meschach is he who worships the moon god. And Abed-Nego is the servant of Nebo.

Nebo is the serpent in the Babylonian Pantheon. The priests of Nebo have a High Priest who is called Pontifex Maximus. Nimrod took on this mantle as he united the priests with secular rule in Babylon.

Nebo is often represented as the planet Mercury adorned with winged feet. Half human and half fallen angel. The same reference found in Genesis 6, and the true reason God flooded the earth at the time of Noah.

Lucifer unleashed his fallen angel army to pollute the bloodli-

ne God had promised would one day give birth to Jesus Christ. This is why the Bible says Noah was perfect in his generation. His offspring had not lain with the fallen angels to create the race of giants known in the Bible as the Nephillim.

Semiramis began the mythology that migrated into Roman religious practices. She had an adulterous affair with a fallen angel. She became pregnant and hid her affair from Nimrod. When her pregnancy was full, she told Nimrod she had been visited by Moloch, the creator god. She became pregnant only after the creator impregnated her. A fallen angel and Semiramis gave us Tammuz 1. They gave him the moniker the son of the sun god. Solar calendars replaced God's Bible timeline.

Ahaseurus in Babylon ruling with Esther had the religion of Babylon permeating every decision made by the king. The priests of Nebo all reported to the Amalakite trying to stop the plans of God for Israel. Haman is the offspring of fallen angels and human daughters. He is the great grandson of Agag whom Saul had refused to kill but only after Joshua failed to kill the offspring of the Nephillim that were living in the land when Israel entered Jericho. Now Mordechai is being usurped by an Amalakite in the Book of Esther.

In our story in Esther, Haman has hatched a plot to kill all the Jews in Ahaseurus' realm. The king is interrupted by a dream after attending the banquet Jewish Queen Esther has invited him to. Why did Esther not reveal the plot the first time? Is this a prophetic pattern in the life of the nation of Israel? Did Israel deny Messiah once only to accept him at the end of the book of Revelation? I believe absolutely!

Has the patten of Haman ever manifested in the lives of the Jewish people over the last 2,000 years? Has there ever been modern Amalakites who have pulled off an inquisition to kill the Jews and steal their property? Yes!

Ferdinand and Isabella in 1492, and the Nazi program of extermination which led to the modern formation of the Jewish state and all to fulfill the biblical patterns Jesus Christ identifies as prophecy. Is God angrier with the Nazi's or is he most angry with the denominational silent pulpits that will soon unleash the modern inquisition coming to America, which is Mystery Babylon identified in Revelation as a Harlot that sitteth upon many waters? To be Continued...

He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood.

He is alive forevermore, and he is returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 4-28-2022

*Staff Sergeant John Burns enlisted into the United States Army on September 23, 1987 as an 11C Infantry Mortarman. He graduated from the 7th Infantry Division, Ranger Class 11/89 and served in the invasion of Panama, Desert Storm and the Battle of Mogadishu while assigned to the 75th Rangers.*

*Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five countries on five continents and all but two states while serving in the military.*

*He currently serves as the Chaplain for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. His devout faith demonstrates to all he comes into contact with that he believes nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He enjoys writing and teaching God's Word while sharing his faith with a dying world.*

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Customer Service Supervisor  
Highland Telephone Coop., Inc.

JOB TITLE: Customer Service Supervisor

DEPARTMENT: Management

SUPERVISOR:

Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., is a provider of local and long-distance telephone service, broadband access, and digital television services.

**GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION**

Customer Service Supervisor is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of CSRs in three locations, as well as responsible for achieving sales, customer service satisfaction and retention goals.

**MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Achieving sales, customer service satisfaction and retention goals. Proactively leads HTC's transition from "regulated telephone company" to "Broadband provider of choice".

**MINOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Develop, employ, and drive sales plans and teams that meet or exceed sales goals.  
Implement customer service standardization to ensure all offices are working as one unit.  
Develop a "Refuse to Lose" mindset to meet customer satisfaction and retention goals.  
Ensure customers have an outstanding experience both on the phone and in person.  
Implement customer service standardization to ensure all offices are working as one unit.  
Identify and present areas for improvement including pricing, bundles, and services.  
Implement Company's transformation strategy  
Optimize workflow/process to maximize both human and system resources.  
Develop and implement metrics to continuously improve performance and identify tools or training requirements.  
Develop and implement communication strategy and plan to ensure all employees are informed as needed.  
Communicate daily CSR goals and monitor individual work performance toward those goals.  
Implement sales forecast/reporting for both new and add on sales.  
Must be able to work at any HTC location providing support and training.  
Assist in selection process and training of new hires and employees transitioning into new CSR positions.  
Conducts regularly scheduled department meetings. Occasional travel may be required for meetings and training classes held at another location.  
Requisitions CSR materials and supplies as needed.  
Set up and work at various regional fairs, etc.  
Performs all other related duties as assigned by management. \*

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JOB**

**Education**

B. S. degree in Business or similar field or equivalent work experience

**Experience**

5+ years of management experience; Telephony experience not a must, but preferred.

**KEY COMPETENCIES**

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills.
- Excellent sales and customer service skills.
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Excellent time management skills with a proven ability to meet deadlines.
- Strong analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Strong supervisory and leadership skills.
- Ability to prioritize tasks and to delegate them when appropriate.
- Ability to function well in a high-paced and at times stressful environment.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite or related software.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS\***

Prolonged periods of sitting at a desk and working on a computer.

Must be able to lift fifteen pounds at times.

\*These tasks do not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act definition of essential job functions and are usually less than 5% of time. However, these tasks still constitute important performance aspects of the job.

**The City of Wartburg is now accepting sealed bids on the following:**

The Culvert Replacement and road repair on Coon Rd. in Wartburg.  
The Repair of the Roof for City Hall located at 407 Eliza St. in Wartburg.

Bids will be accepted at City Hall until Monday May 9, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. The bids will be open at 7:00 p.m. and a decision will be made at that night at the monthly City Council meeting to accept or reject the bids. The City of Wartburg reserves the right to accept or reject all received bids.

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Public Notice

Morgan County has been petitioned to remove a section of road from the end of Ernie Hurst Rd. The length is approximately 225 ft.

Anyone with any concerns about this closure needs to contact the Morgan County Highway Dept. at 423-346-6661 or email to morhancohwy@highland.net, there will be a public hearing at the Morgan County Courthouse just before the regular County Commission Meeting at 7:00 pm. On May 9<sup>th</sup>. 2022

**Bus Drivers Needed**

Now hiring **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS** with on-site CDL training. Must be able to pass a drug screening and have a clean background check. Please apply in person at:

**Morgan County Schools Transportation Department**  
**318 Green Park Drive**  
**Wartburg, TN 37887**  
**for more information contact:**  
**Keith Duncan at 423-346-3730**

Chancery Court Morgan County Wartburg, Tennessee	<b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b>	Case Number <b>P-20-22</b>
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In the matter of the Estate of **RONALD A. ADAMS**  
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2022, Letters of ADMINISTRATION in respect to the Estate of RONALD A. ADAMS who died on the 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk of Morgan County, Tennessee. All persons, residents and non-residents, having claims, matured or unmatured against her Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred.

(1)

(A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2)

Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2022.

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ATTORNEY

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